

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

### GARY L. KASTRICK- 1970 TEACHER/PROJECT O.M.A.H.A. DIRECTOR

#### Gary L. Kastrick- 1970

has been a Social Studies teacher at SHS since 1984 - but that is just a small piece of information to describe a very complex, dedicated, creative, far-sighted innovator. With his teaching duties and active personal life, he attends his children's many activities such as tennis, swimming, collecting, and traveling. You would think he would have a full plate - and he does! But he has a passion for history and computers which has brought national attention to the program he and another teacher (**Dean Flyr**) created and Gary has directed since 1999 - Project O.M.A.H.A. (Oral Memories And Historical Anthologies).



Kastrick received his BA in Political Science from the University of NE at Omaha, and his MA in Economics from the University of NE at Lincoln. He has also completed Administration and Philosophy classes to enhance his abilities. His "part-time" activities, while balancing his many challenges, include: serving as a Social Studies Method Instructor and an Upward Bound teacher for Creighton University; serving as a guest lecturer in Philosophy for Metropolitan Community College; providing Service Learning classes for the University of NE at Omaha; and serving as a CADRE Associate for Omaha Public Schools. Gary has also been a tutor/coach for SHS's Academic Decathlon team for 23 years.

His curriculum development and training

include: an African American History course; design and implementation of a method for infusing IBM software into Advanced Placement World History; development and implementation of elementary economic lessons; creation of an Omaha History Unit curriculum for third grade Social Studies; construction of technological integration and infusion methods for the All-Laptop Classroom concept; Advanced Placement World History in-services; US West Award/Training in technical infusion; summer writing projects; and an Economic Fellowship.

Because Kastrick always goes the extra mile, he has received numerous awards and grants including the Buffett Award, OPS Exter-ships; and grants from the Lottery, SHSAA, Metropolitan Community College, and the Apple Corporation (which named his Project one of the top ten in the nation for its innovative use of technology).

Although his achievements are many, he has become "famous" because of Project O.M.A.H.A.. This Project created the first and only local history museum in any high school in the nation at Omaha SHS. The goal of the Project is to record the history of the stockyards in South Omaha before time and the bulldozers erase the memories. The students in this project learn writing, listening and computer skills through interviewing local residents who worked at the stockyards or packing houses in South Omaha. These interviews provide creative ideas for

fictional stories based on real life characters. When news of the project was disseminated, the stories and artifacts came pouring in from people eager to have their lives and their community remembered. The material quickly outgrew the space allotted to the project, and a permanent home is being sought. Also, the project has grown from recording South Omaha history to include the rest of the city and even rural Nebraska history.

Students involved in this project have written 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 rich history to youngsters. They have developed an outstanding film showing how the city used to be, versus how it is today. The students have interviewed public and private individuals, the common man and politicians, and will continue to gather life stories to record history.

Gary has been married to Lori since 1985 and they have two children - Colin and Conor.

What an inspiring project!  
What an inspiring man! We are so proud to claim Gary Kastrick as one of our own! (Children pictured above with Kastrick.)

### DAVE VAN METRE - PHILANTHROPIST

#### Dave Van Metre

retired from the investment business and is a former co-owner of Travel & Transport. He

has turned his focus from success in the business world to success in improving the fitness of Omaha students. He has generously paid for cardio and



## ALUMNI CORRESPONDENCE

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The **Alumni Association office at 5082 South 107 Street in Omaha, NE 68127** is generally open Monday through Friday from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., but it is always best to call first to assure that someone is available to assist you. The phone number is **(402) 738-9493**, with an answering machine. We also have a 24-hour Fax machine at **(402) 738-5145**.

Any correspondence dealing with the **TOOTER** should be addressed to the Editor or **TOOTER**, at the Alumni office at the address above so that it can be filed correctly until time for the next issue. This would include Alumnotes, deaths, **TOOTER** advertising, or any other information relative specifically to the **TOOTER**.

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Since we are a volunteer organization, please allow adequate time for us to respond to your orders, inquiries and other requests. Thank you in advance for your patience.

**Our new E-Mail address is [OSHAA@OSHAA.OMHCOXMAIL.COM](mailto:OSHAA@OSHAA.OMHCOXMAIL.COM)**

**Our New Website address is [omahasouthalumni.org](http://omahasouthalumni.org)**

**Remember we would love to have you stop by, but PLEASE call first to make sure someone is here. THANKS!**

### 2005 PACKER SPORTS GREATS WINNERS BANQUET

The **2005 Packer Sports Greats** winners will be honored at a banquet on September 28, 2005 at Anthony's Restaurant at 72nd & F Street. Those being honored are **Don Hunter-1949; Joe Dworak-1945; John DeGeorge-1961; Vic Shukis-1957** and **Ron Mlnarik-1954**. We are also honoring the **1946 Football team**. Congratulations to all!

More information about these winners will appear in the Spring 2006 **TOOTER**. The banquet is open to everyone, but you **must** purchase tickets ahead of time. Tickets will be available at the Alumni office-738-9493, or through Steve Cavlovic-733-3886 or from John Krayneski-592-2850. You may call the office to make sure someone is available -- or you may send your name, number attending and check for \$25 per person to the office and the tickets will be mailed to you. Please come to honor our new Sports Greats as well as past inductees. This is a great evening of fun, fellowship, good food and memories. Please call to make your reservation NOW.

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weight-training equipment in all of the Omaha Public Schools seven high schools and 11 middle schools. Dave said he wants OPS schools to have the same high-quality facilities found in other area schools. OPS officials said that Van Metre has contributed more than \$600,000 to equip OPS schools with free weights, weight machines and stationary bikes, plus rubberized floors, mirrored walls, video monitors and sound systems.

He has also outfitted the North Omaha Boys & Girls Club, and is working to outfit the South Omaha Boys & Girls Club and Girls, Inc. Van Metre is helping the City of Omaha upgrade city ballfields near OPS schools so the school teams can use them. He helped solicit funds for Brown Park (South High baseball), Fontenelle Park (North High softball), and Gallagher Park (Benson High softball).

Van Metre played split end and defensive end for Colorado College, and was the Los

Angeles Rams' 18th-round draft pick in 1959, but did not play in the pros.

Dave and his wife, Carol, stay active with weight training, yoga and pilates. He said that flexibility is important as you get older, and that he always worked out before his business meetings in New York City. He said he "did pretty good with those meetings because I was relaxed, I felt good. I was good. So I'm a big believer in exercise, weight rooms, fitness centers. They're for everybody, not just athletes." He suggested that the students "get in that fitness room and work out. You'll feel better, you'll act better, you'll look better, you'll be better."

The world is certainly a better place because of Dave Van Metre's dedication to fitness and his generosity in giving students the chance of a lifetime to get in shape. Thank you on behalf of OPS students and their families! (Excerpts from *Omaha World-Herald*)

# BOARD REPORT

by Judi Limas  
*Secretary*



In your Alumni Association's fourteenth year of existence, we continue our dedication to fulfilling our Mission Statement to help alumni and our school. We held two meetings and reported on the success of the Bowling Tournament and the Spaghetti Dinner, as well as the positive response to the Golf Tournament. We are pleased that another Decade's Committee is being formed to cover the 60s and look forward to some exciting ideas from this dynamic group. They have already planned a Decades Dance which should be a great success. We awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to another outstanding class during the May Honors Convocation. The Sports Banquet is scheduled for September 28 and we hope many of you will join us at this fun event. The Night of the Packers Homecoming Game is September 30 and we are again providing complimentary tickets to admit two. We are discussing possible improvements to the H.P. Smith Sports Complex and have installed a coded lock to allow alumni to view their bricks at the site. (Call the office for the code which will change on a regular basis.) Our mailing list

now includes more than 20,000 alumni, and we continue to struggle to maintain communication with all alumni through your **TOOTER**. Costs continue to rise and any support you can provide will certainly help.

If you have any terrific new ideas for a fundraiser or an alumni activity, please let us know.

Volunteers are needed for mailings and many activities so if you find yourself with any spare time, please call the office. We would be so grateful for your help.

We are here to serve you so please share your ideas and encouragement with your Alumni Association.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judi Limas*

Judi Limas, Secretary

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**Our mission** is to:

- Organize, develop and build a dynamic group of Alumni.
- Promote the success of SHS, its students and faculty through a variety of events, projects and scholarships.

### SOUTH HIGH ARTS FESTIVAL - 2006

All former Ambassadors, First Choir, Concert Choir, Second Choir, Mixed Chorus, First And Second Girls Choir and Accapella members; all former Band and Orchestra Members; all past play and musical cast and crew members; all art, jewelry and pottery students are invited to participate in the 2006 SHS Arts Festival. Contact **Jim Eisenhardt**, Class of 1967 - Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts **BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2005** at South High School - 4519 S. 24th Street - Omaha, NE 68107 - 402/557-3600, Ext. 7607 or james.eisenhardt@ops.org

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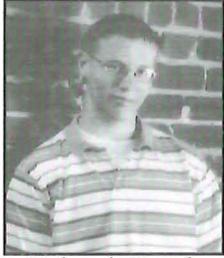
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## 2005 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Bohumir Benak



Nikki Kowal

\$1,500 **South High School Alumni Association** Scholarship to **Elizabeth Rolfson**, attending UNL

\$1,000 **South High School Alumni Association** Scholarship to **Bohumir Benak**, attending UNL (Music Education Major)



David McClure



Allison Verch

\$1,000 **Sheila Little Cain-1953** Memorial Scholarship to **Annie Boyd**, attending UNO (Computer Science Major)

\$1,000 **Phyllis Troudt Sandstedt-1955** Scholarship to **Nikki Kowal**, attending UNO (dual majors in Pre-law and Secondary Education)

\$1,000 **Paul Limas-1960** Memorial Scholarship to **David McClure**

\$1,000 **David Powell-1953** Scholarship to **Joseph Villafuerte**, attending UNO (Architectural Engineering Major)



Lorrie Corbett



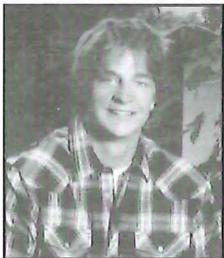
Joseph Zubrod

\$1,000 **Fern Watanabe-1941** Business Scholarship to **Ranae Smits**

\$1,000 **Fern Watanabe-1941** Fine Arts Scholarship to **Allison Verch**, attending UNO

\$1,500 **Gloria and Jim Coco** Memorial Scholarship to **Lorrie Corbett**, attending Northwest Missouri State University (Elementary Education Major)

\$1,000 **Riha Family** Memorial Scholarship to **Joseph Zubrod**, attending Milford Vocational School.



Tyler Bathen

\$1,000 **Coach Mickey Sparano** Memorial Scholarship to **Tyler Bathen**, attending UNO (Emergency Medical Technician Major)

\$1,000 **Shane Kielion** Memorial Scholarships to both **Doug Ignowski** and **Henry Matthews**

\$1,000 **Centennial** Scholarships to both **Nikki Kowal** (UNO) and **Alisha Ramirez** (UNO)

### THANK YOU NOTES TO THE SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI

Thanks to your support, we are able to help SHS students in many ways, including Teacher Grants and Scholarships. We receive many heartwarming letters thanking us for our support, and a sampling follows on page 5.



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## Thank You Notes

### For Teacher Grants:

From **Ann Underriner**, FEA Sponsor: "I want to thank you for your generous support of the Future Educators of America at South High. With your help, we were able to attend the National FEA Conference in Chicago. The students found the conference both meaningful and fun. Again, I appreciate your help for some teachers of tomorrow."

From **Lorrie Corbett**, SHS FEA Student: "Thank you very much for helping pay the registration fee for South High School's Future Educators of America trip to Chicago. This was my second time at the national conference and I loved each and every part of it. Not only was the conference exciting, I had a great time exploring the city....."

At the opening session, we heard speakers talk about why they became teachers. I personally would like to become a teacher because I love working with children. I, along with many of the speakers, feel ...there is nothing more rewarding than engaging children into the wonderful world of learning.

Throughout the rest of the weekend, I explored different sessions about teaching. Each session taught me something new. These sessions made me feel so intrigued about teaching. If it were not for your contribution, I would never have felt so engaged in the teaching world. Thanks again!"

### For Scholarships:

From **David McClure, Jr. – Class of 2005:** (Paul Limas Memorial Scholarship) "You have no idea how much your support means to me. I appreciate this scholarship so much. I hope I can live up to your expectations and the legacy of your husband. Out of all the possible candidates, you chose me. That means a lot to me. Thanks again, and I'll put the money to good use."

From **Bohumir "Bo" Benak – Class of 2005:** (South High Alumni Association Scholarship) "I would like to thank you for your generous scholarship. My plans are to attend the University of NE at Lincoln. I am planning to major in Music Education. Your contribution will help me meet the many expenses that accompany a college degree. I am very appreciative of your gift. I will make every endeavor to be worthy of your confidence in me."

# SEVENTIES FEVER

About three years ago, **Dick Gulizia** noticed that the alumni membership from the 70s was on the rise, and soon a "70s Decade Committee" was formed. Since then the committee has assisted the Alumni Association in fulfilling its mission, and acquainted 70s alumni with the Association through events and volunteer activities. The merge has been very successful.



Now of course we have to ask - are you a member of the Alumni Association? If not, please consider joining. The rewards are great, and what better feeling is there than to know that you have helped SHS students with their education?

If you join now you could win a \$50 gift certificate for South High Alumni apparel. Just correctly answer the Trivia question (below) and send your answer with your membership. It's that easy. If you are already a member and would like the chance to win the \$50 gift certificate, just send a donation with your answer. All correct entries will be pooled and one winner will be drawn. Entries received after December 1, 2005 will not be eligible for this drawing.

And if you really want to join the fun, become a member of the 70s Decade Committee. We are actively looking for representatives from the Classes of 1971, 1974 and 1979. If you are interested, contact **Ron Cerone** 402-896-1631 or **Patty Svajgl** 402-733-4117.

### **1973 WAS THE YEAR**

- John Lennon and Yoko Ono announce the founding of Nutopia, a new country with no laws and borders. It is no accident that the press conference is held on April 1st.
- Spanish artist Pablo Picasso dies at age 91.
- U.S. launches their first space station, Skylab.
- In the Saturday Night Massacre, Nixon fires special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelhaus. Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson resigns.
- Last troops leave Vietnam.
- Jim Croce dies.
- Bar codes are introduced for stock control and pricing in supermarkets.
- The Exorcist was the top movie of the year.
- Drink cans with push-through tabs are manufactured in the U.S.
- The Six Million Dollar Man doll hits the toy shelves.

### **OOPS!**

The answers to the Trivia questions in the last issue were inadvertently omitted. In case you're still looking for the answers, here they are:

1. Coneheads debut on Saturday Night Live - 1977
2. Elvis and Priscilla divorce - 1973
3. Rolling Stones release Brown Sugar - 1971
4. Cardinal Wojtyla becomes Pope - 1978
5. Evil Knievel breaks 93 bones after clearing 35 cars - 1972
6. Happy Days airs on ABC - 1974
7. Long and Winding Road is the Beatles last American release - 1970
8. Jimmy Carter gives Playboy his infamous "Lust for Women" interview - 1976
9. Saturday Night Live Premieres - 1975
10. Elton John performs live in the U.S.S.R. - 1979

### **TRIVIA QUESTION**

What year did Dave Rington graduate from SHS? Good Luck!!

## 10<sup>TH</sup> SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The 10th Annual South High Alumni spaghetti dinner was another big success. If you weren't there, you missed enjoying a delicious meal filled with lots of South Omaha treats: a big plate of spaghetti with Sons of Italy sauce and sausage, Orsi bread, a lettuce salad, a dish of Blue Bunny spumoni ice cream, wonderful homemade cookies, and iced tea, coffee, or water.

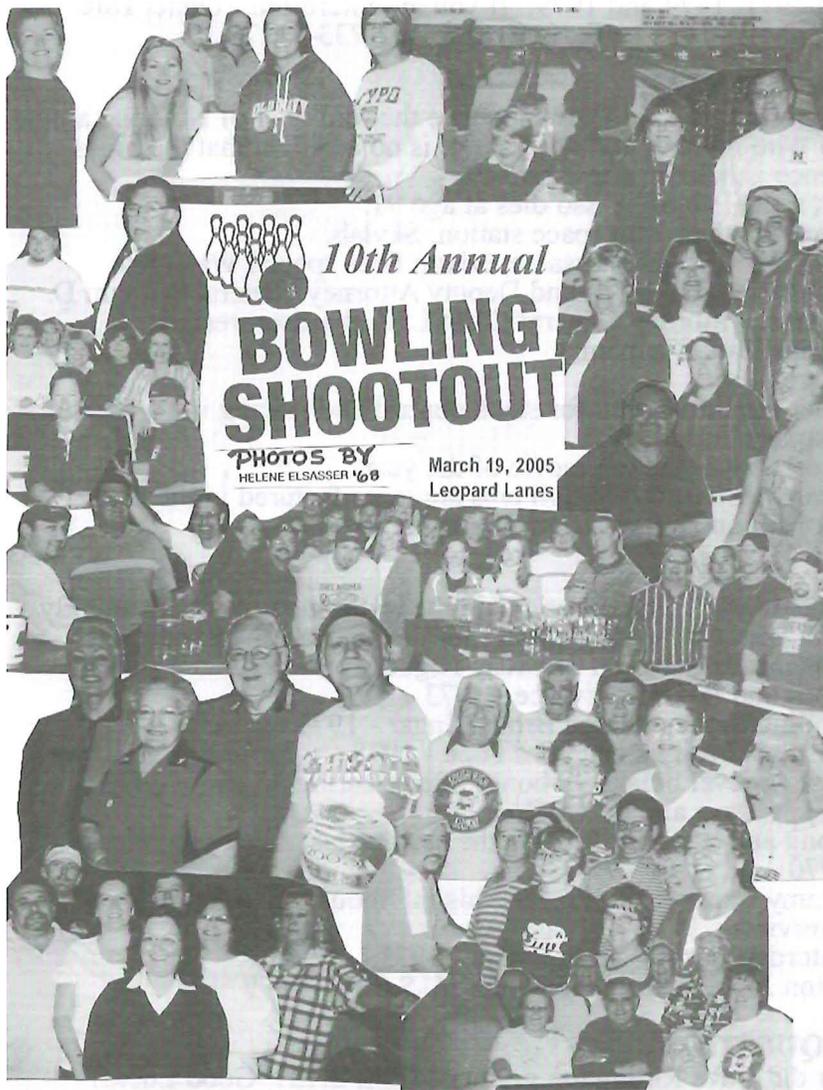
If you think about it, how often can you enjoy such wonderful food, sit with long-time friends, (or maybe new friends), plus have a chance to win raffle prizes, bid on silent auction items, play "split the pot" and know that ALL of the proceeds help the kids at South High? What a great evening of fun.

Every year we hear from those who have never been to the dinner before, and their comments are always the same, "What a great night... sorry we never came before... we won't miss another one... and it is so great to see so many old friends." We had a good crowd of people, but we always have room for more and we would love to have you come and enjoy the evening with us and some of your classmates and friends. Everyone is welcome. You **DO NOT NEED** to be a South High grad, or even be from South Omaha. Everyone is welcome. Please tell all your friends and family to come, enjoy a great meal, buy some raffle tickets or just watch the people and visit.

We, the committee, would like to thank everyone who contributed to another successful event.

Please mark your calendars now, for the 11th annual spaghetti dinner on **Saturday March 25, 2006 at Sokol Hall South Omaha**. More details in the Spring **TOOTER**.

## 2005 BOWLING SHOOTOUT GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE!



The 2005 Bowling Shootout at Leopard Lanes in Bellevue was great fun for all attendees. Although we had fewer bowlers than past years, it was a day of laughter and enjoyment for all. **Veronica Krayneski Uhe** and **Fred Krayneski** deserve a huge round of applause for all of their time and work organizing this day. Thanks also to **Helene Elsasser** for taking photos of the attendees and preparing a photo collage. We thank all who came and hope that more of you will attend next year's event, which will be held on **APRIL 8, 2006 at Leopard Lanes**. Mark your calendar now to come enjoy a day of bowling, fellowship and prizes. We are trying something different next year by having the bowling on a different day from the spaghetti dinner. We hope that more of our alumni and friends will come and join us for both events. Watch the Spring **TOOTER** for more details. **REMEMBER: YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN ALUMNUS TO BOWL. Bring your friends, family and coworkers. Everyone** is welcome to join in the fun.

The 2005 winners are **Women's Division Novice**: 1st Game: **Jodi Winther** 167; 2nd Game: **Carrie Zadina** 159; 3rd Game: **Mellisa Hosch** 166; **Series Jodi Winther** 446. **Women's Average**: 1st Game: **Norma Gregurich** 198; 2nd Game: **Norma Gregurich** 169; 3rd Game: **Dolly Novak** 183; **Series: Norma Gregurich** 652. **Men's Division Novice**: 1st Game: **Paul Durate** 178; 2nd Game **Ross Riepl** 197; 3rd Game: **Jason Linhart** 224; **Series: Ross Riepl** 638. **Men's Average**: 1st Game: **Tom Stubbs** 236; 2nd Game **Denny Koubsky** 278; 3rd Game: **Andy Hunter** 246; **Series: Denny Koubsky** 692.

*Congratulations and THANKS to ALL who came to bowl, to work or to watch. We greatly appreciate all the support. We really hope to see more of you at the alley next year and encourage you to bring your friends!*

# BUMPING ELBOWS II

The highlight in January this year was meeting **Lieutenant Susan Morton-1998**, who received the President's Scholarship and the Fern Watanabe Fine Arts Scholarship. Lt. Morton commented that because of these scholarships, she was able to graduate from Creighton University and fulfill her dream by becoming a nurse in the United States Air Force. We are very proud of you, Lt. Morton, and we wish you every success in your Air Force career.

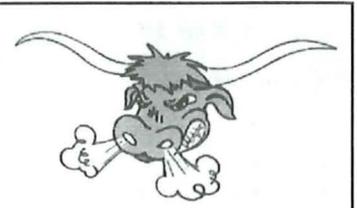
In March, the SHAA had its Annual Spaghetti Dinner and it was so nice to see so many alumni attend and support this worthwhile event. To name just a few: **Joe and Mary Ann Straley Weinert, Dolly Strnad Divorky, Frank Newell, Sandy Schneider Antoniak, Leno Ayala, Gordana Dosenovich Tosone, Don Hempel, Jackie Buckholz Mahr, Betty Walters Muellner, Charlotte Covich Young, Eleanor Kysela Drzaic, Mike Kompotic, Bernice Tomaszewicz Jodlowski, Wayne Woodard, Georgia Tripp Hruska, Tom and Linda Ramariz Nieto, John and Joann Kreiker Noordam, Leo and Susie Ihnen Schotte, Mike Galaska, Dolores Kucirek Semin, Jeanne Johnson Mill, George Dasovich, Ken Herman, Margaret Andersen, Debbie Ettlin Carson, Pat Secora Fausett, Roxann Wolfsbauer Hazuka, Bess Mandich, Sandy Kocourek Benak, Mark Kiihne, Jean McCann Alexander, Glenva**

**Welch Lind, Dee Sheldon Bertich, Kathy Bekquart, Roy, Joe and Rachel Caballero Barrientos, Denny Koubsky, Joann Pelnar Smith, Jill Anderson Floth, Kimberly Priebe, Vickie Verootis, Ron Krayneski, Diane Krayneski Dreffs, Pam Schamp Squier, Dee Matula Ethofer, Pam Welch Ricks, Craig Christiansen, Alice Kruntorad Kubovy, Mary Alice Kubovy, Patrick Collins, Bill and Helen Travnicek Smisek, Joe and Vera Sabaliauskas Crnkovich, Paul and Rejean Jaksich, Joe Pecha and John Stefanski...** just to name a few. The dinner was well attended and no one wanted to leave as it was like attending an all-school reunion. The dinner was a huge success and special thanks once again to our chairs - Vic and Beverly Forman Riha and their committee. It could not have been done without their leadership.

It was also inspiring to see, once again, South High's Principal, **Mrs. Farber and staff members**, supporting our annual event.

That's it for now.

*Susie South*



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to report membership records as of July, 2005 noting the class year (Column 1), number of alumni on our data base (Column 2), as well as those with current addresses (Column 3), and the number who have paid Alumni Association memberships by class year (Column 4)! **This is quite an eye-opener and we hope it will encourage you to push your class ranking higher with more memberships.** Special congratulations to the classes of 1960, 1967, 1961, 1959 and 1953 for leading the pack!

<u>South High School Alumni Association</u>				1957	431	340	119	1982	434	151	22
Class	Data Base	Current	Members	1958	482	218	86	1983	437	242	27
Year	Total	Information		1959	538	394	139	1984	400	231	26
1935	293	119	44	1960	649	552	176	1985	364	249	15
1936	323	104	42	1961	632	446	149	1986	336	171	12
1937	408	166	62	1962	498	410	118	1987	238	146	11
1938	468	172	74	1963	527	412	97	1988	300	169	13
1939	411	230	87	1964	501	476	101	1989	265	191	15
1940	396	167	79	1965	891	568	129	1990	284	164	14
1941	491	292	88	1966	736	452	112	1991	238	153	7
1942	487	306	110	1967	892	816	157	1992	243	161	7
1943	566	277	94	1968	562	472	107	1993	244	183	8
1944	290	215	92	1969	596	459	75	1994	286	205	7
1945	456	284	103	1970	550	425	63	1995	249	161	10
1946	447	266	110	1971	418	325	58	1996	257	171	1
1947	407	296	87	1972	607	421	69	1997	247	184	6
1948	466	324	106	1973	695	412	82	1998	226	167	9
1949	342	238	82	1974	651	477	56	1999	246	200	8
1950	423	322	112	1975	650	430	79	2000	218	176	5
1951	468	317	117	1976	623	425	58	2001	258	219	6
1952	363	289	99	1977	420	361	67	2002	253	215	1
1953	457	340	137	1978	258	170	45	2003	259	222	1
1954	432	330	97	1979	424	341	23	2004	254	239	0
1955	448	310	109	1980	427	224	15	Totals	29,587	20,130	4,470
1956	496	320	116	1981	55	50	12				

# ALUMNotes

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 our new address:

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**1925-Ms. Jacobsen** was May Queen that year. The son of Mr. Cook, one of the teachers, helps carry the train. This little boy became President of the 1937 SHS Senior Class and received the *Omaha World-Herald* scholarship that year. Does anyone know who the little girl is?



**1931-Esther Jones Cowdery** of Los Alamitos, CA wrote that she really enjoys reading the **TOOTER**, but feels it is very unfortunate that so many of her classmates have passed on. She would love to see Alumnotes about any classmates or others close to her age. She says she is 90 and doing well except for some arthritis.

**1931-Antoinette Jaksich Merwald** of Omaha also wrote that she is very sorry to see so many classmates have died. She said they had a really great class and many of them went on to be well-known in the city as government and business leaders.

**1934-Can** anyone identify this "bunch from grand old South High?" This description plus the initials "Miss A, LM, WM, MK, and JB" were on the back of the photo.



**1936-Mildred Baldwin Bryan** of Watsonville, CA wrote that receiving the **TOOTER** always brings back so many happy memories. She enjoys the **TOOTER** very much and sincerely hopes she never has to miss a copy.

**1937-Frank Tourek** of Omaha, President of Tourek Engraving Co., Inc., sent the following information: "The Heartland Print Gallery awards presentation called 'Print is Alive in 2005' was an occasion to recognize local notables during International Printing Week, which was established to coincide with the anniversary of the birthday of Ben Franklin, the father of American printing. The contest is open to all Nebraska printers. At the contest, Tourek Engraving Company won *Best of Division*, a Special Citation, a Gold, and the top prize, *Best of Show*, for its work on 'The Raven.' 'For that it's the standard bearer for the next year,' said Jim Gosco, who was an event co-chairman." **Frank Tourek** was a student of Business Administration while at SHS and was President of the SHS Band for two years. Also pictured is **Thomas Hanus -1975**, head of the Press, Art and Production Departments at the Tourek Co. Other SHS graduates employed at Tourek Engraving are: **Mike Duda-1976** and **Matt Morinelli-1989**. *Congratulations!*



**1938-Lucille Baldwin Lane Coschka** wrote in March 2005 that she had just returned from her vacation in Palm Springs where she spent two weeks with her sisters, **Mildred Baldwin Bryan-1936**, and **Arlene Baldwin DeCordova-1941**. She states that they had a great time reminiscing about the good old days spent at SHS and all their special classmates. She also said they all really enjoy the **TOOTER** and there is always someone mentioned that they know. Their nephew **Don Upham** was in the spring issue for having won \$500 in the 2004 SHSAA lottery. They all send their sincere regards. *Thank you, ladies.*

**1938-Margaret Mormance Francel** of Portland, OR wrote "just received my **TOOTER** and of course enjoyed every item in it. Just can't believe it has been so many

years since attending SHS. Lots of names are familiar. Don't get back to Nebraska as often as we'd like although I still have a brother and other kin folks there. Really hate to see all the names of those that have passed away. When you get our age and get up every morning on your own-that's living." She says they have been in Portland since 1946 and really love it. They are only 1-1/2 hours from the ocean and Mt. Hood. Mt. St. Helen's is a little farther away but can be seen from the area. *Sounds like a wonderful area, Margaret, and we're glad you enjoy the TOOTER.*

**1938-Edward Pleuler, Jr.**, of Woodbridge, NJ recently sent a note with his dues. He said, "as a graduate of SHS in 1938, many years have passed. I married Mildred Clark from Smith Center, KS at the South Omaha Grace Methodist Church." They will celebrate their 65th anniversary this year. Ed retired from RCA in 1981 after 27 years of service. He and his wife now live in a senior citizen apartment. *Congratulations to Ed and Mildred on their upcoming anniversary.*

**1938-Joe Pecha** sent these photos of 1940 Alumni: **Rosemary Maloney**; **Dr. George Laitner** with **Everett Cox**; **Inga Stoffel Witzig**; **Marjorie Howard Board** with **Louise Block**; **Virginia Barnt Hall** with **Ann Cameron**; **Joe Pavlas** with **Bob Cunningham**; and another of **Joe Pavlas**. *If you have any photos to share with us, please send them to the Alumni office.*



**Rosemary Maloney**



**Dr. George Laitner with Everett Cox**



**Inga Stoffel**



**Marjorie Howard Boand with Louise Block**



**Virginia Barnt Hall with Ann Cameron**



**Joe Pavlas with Bob Cunningham**



**Joe Pavlas**

**1940-Class Reunion Committee** closed out their reunion account and donated the balance to the South High School Alumni Association in memory of their classmate, **Water Kavanagh**.

**1945-Lee Fowler** of Omaha started working at the stockyards part-time in the summer of 1943. In 1948, he made a life-changing decision for a difference of \$10 per week. He had the choice of a job in his first love which was journalism for \$35 a week or a job at the stockyards for \$45 a week. He chose the latter and worked there for 45 years until his retirement. When asked how Omaha Stockyards got so big, Mr. Fowler explained that the costs of going through Chicago got so high that it became cheaper to ship through Omaha, and South Omaha became the largest stockyards in the nation. Omaha then shipped to 26 different packing houses across the United States. It took an 18-wheeler full of animals 36 hours to get to California. When asked about the night life around the area, he explained that there were nightly card games in the Livestock Exchange Building and many bars and dance halls in the area. The local area was known as a very active night spot in those days. After his retirement, Mr. Fowler

and his son opened a commodities firm, so he is still active in the livestock industry. He explained how everything worked at the stockyards from buying to the packing houses. Lee stated that the stockyards were a melting pot of nationalities, but everyone got along no matter what their heritage. He said that there were 29 nationalities represented in the 1945 class alone. (Information from Interview and Project Omaha Class)

**1945-William "Bill" Gasper** of Tempe, AZ was inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame in Kearney, NE on 1-27-05. Log on to [www.aero.state.ne.us](http://www.aero.state.ne.us) and access Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame for more information. *Congratulations!*

**1945-Lucille Yost Kotera** of Tigard, OR wrote that she was surprised and excited to see the photo of the SHS cafeteria workers circa 1958-1959. Her aunt, **Helen Neilsen**, is in the photo. She said her mother also worked in the cafeteria but she couldn't remember what year/years.

**1949-Morton Stelling** of Mukilteo, WA wrote to thank the alumni officers and workers for everything including the **TOOTER** itself. He said, "it doesn't matter if it's about us or our class. It's just interesting to read about people with origins similar to our own. With all best wishes, thanks again."

**1953-Gary Asmussen** of Blair, NE wrote via e-mail: "I just received my copy of the **TOOTER** and was taken aback a little as I came across the photo 'Remember our wonderful cafeteria workers' and saw my mother. I had never seen the photo before. She is **Clara Shields** in the top row. She worked there several years. I remember her talking about the 'kids.' She sometimes would tell stories about how nice they were and how some tried to talk their way into getting extra food or why they didn't really have to take certain foods, etc. What excuses they could come up with! She always said some of them would make great politicians. I just wanted to let you know the great memories the picture brought back. Thank you!"

**1954-Beverly Skarda Hrdy** of Bellevue donated many newspaper articles, **TOOTERS**, graduation programs and announcements including some from 1924, 1925, 1927, 1954 and 1985 from three generations of her family: Her mother-1924, her own-1954 and her daughter, **Chris Hrdy Rothermund-1985**. *Thank you so much for sharing!*

*We would like to remind everyone that the Alumni Association greatly appreciates any and all archival donations. We would love to have any **TOOTERS**, articles, South Omaha Sun Newspapers or articles from the Sun, yearbooks or any other memorabilia related to South Omaha or South High School. Contact the office for more information.*

**1955- Ed Kasun** of Valley Springs, CA wrote simply: "Thank you so much for publishing the **TOOTER**, as a way of keeping in touch."

**1958-**This group of friends meets regularly to celebrate birthdays:  
**Bev**



**Malizewski Sladovnik, Pat Schwartz Ball, Rose Ann Clark, Judi Clark Limas-1961, and Fran Mikovec Rhoades.**

**1960-Judy Sebron Yacio** of Arlington, TX was elected President of the Auxiliary to Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, TX in May 2005. The organization has over 300 senior members and 100 junior members. Judy also received word recently that she has been honored for the third time in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She will be published in that organization's book in September 2005. *We would like to thank Judy, along with Marge Hrbek Collin-1961 for being proofreaders, via e-mail for the TOOTER.*

**1961-Annie Mixan Kenkel** and her husband, Urbie, have moved back to Omaha recently to be near family and friends. *Welcome back home!*

**1961-Leo Jankowski** was injured in a fall and a fundraiser was held to assist him. *We hope you are fully recovered, Leo.*



**1962- Bob Murphy** of Omaha e-mailed information about his career change. After almost 30 years with Mutual of Omaha, Bob took early retirement as Senior Vice-President of Project Management and Health Services in order to accept a call to be Director of Life Ministries at Christ Community Church in Omaha. Bob and his wife, Diane, traveled to Ireland

in the spring of 2005 to celebrate a milestone birthday and wedding anniversary.

*Congratulations, Bob*

**1965 Brother Joseph Dugick, OSB (John)** of Mount Michael Benedictine School, Elkhorn, NE wrote that he has been at Mount Michael Abbey since 8-87 and has held many jobs including Assistant Freshman Dean, Assistant Guest Master and phone operator. He helps the monks, cooks and wears many other hats at the Abbey — which is basically helping wherever he is needed.

**1967-Connie Ross Lowe** of Merritt Island, FL wrote that she really enjoyed the **70s Fever Article** but wishes more '67 people would send info. Since she left Omaha over 30 years ago, she enjoys hearing whatever she can about old friends from home. She says they love Florida after 30 years in Ohio. They live only about 6 miles from Kennedy Space Center and can stand in their yard and watch shuttles lift off. They suffered minor damage from the hurricanes—nothing serious.

**1968-Naomi Jones Stalnaker** of Omaha wrote that in 2004 she quit her job of nine years at Wal-Mart to stay home and baby sit with her grandson, Jordan Matthew Stalnaker, now age two. She feels it is the most wonderful and rewarding experience she's ever had and thinks most grandparents would agree given the chance to experience it. She stated that they had been living in Blair until 2003, but are glad they moved back to Omaha to be closer to family and friends and save on gasoline.

**1976-Beverly Wirth-Murray** of LaVista, NE sent this photo. This group of friends all graduated in 1976 and get together once a year around the holidays to eat, catch up and exchange ornaments. It has been a long-time tradition. Photo: Left to right: **Nancy Reynolds Veys, Cathy Kluza Temeyer, Beverly Wirth-Murray, Janet Kluper Vacek, Kris Anderson Cook, and Margo Juarez-Griffity** (seated).



**1977-Rita Smailys Monahan** of Las Vegas, NV wrote that she wanted to be put back on

the Alumni mailing list so she can hear about classmates and friends. She stated that she has lived in Las Vegas since 1992 and worked for Citibank for eight years.

**1986-Jodi Pesek** of Omaha is an angel in the eyes of many. Jodi has two master's degrees from University of NE at Omaha and is an administrator of Omaha Public Schools Wilson Alternative School. Very early this spring, Jodi earned the title of "angel" when she offered her seat on an airplane returning to Omaha to a man who was ill. Jodi offered her seat so that the man named Jeremy could come home with his wife (also named Jody, just spelled differently). If not for Jodi (Pesek), Jeremy, would wait for a flight two hours later and there was no room on it for his wife, Jody, to come home with him. All the passengers and strangers gathered in the terminal and decided that Jodi was, indeed, an angel. She said that someone had helped her earlier and she had no way to repay him. She decided to "pay it forward" and help someone else in his honor. The angel Jodi, by the way, is a musician. She plays just what you'd expect an angel to play—the harp! *Thanks, Jodi. We are very proud to see a SHS grad written up in the Omaha World-Herald in such a positive manner. Thanks to Mike Kelly for the article.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Look on the Bright Side  
We can see a shining rainbow  
If we look beyond the rain  
Find strength to face our losses  
If we're thankful for each gain.  
We can pick the lovely roses  
If the thorns don't get us down  
And spend so much time smiling  
That we'll never think to frown.  
We can climb the steepest mountain  
If our eyes turn toward the sun  
It's really up to us to make  
Our world a better one.

**1922-Lucille Jones Huntzinger** died in the summer of 2004 just a few months after reaching her 100th birthday.

**1926-Sophie Kopke Shopen** of Phoenix died 1-16-04.

**1928-Wilma Upchurch** of Omaha died 9-29-03. Wilma went to the Municipal University of Omaha which is now the University of Nebraska at Omaha. After two years she entered the teaching profession but

continued her formal education in evening classes and summer sessions so that she eventually earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Education. She taught 19 years in East Omaha and 30 years in Millard. She was very active at Calvary Baptist Church for many years and was a charter member and past president of the Omega Chapter, RHO State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honorary education organization. In 1945, she was asked to testify in Washington, DC to encourage federal aid to schools. She was inducted into Millard's Hall of Fame in 1985 and her biography was included in the bicentennial edition of *Who's Who in Nebraska*. **1929-Bernice Schmidt Skarda Jacobsen** of Omaha died 12-26-04.

**1930-Walter Alexander** of Omaha.

**1931-Vlasta Foucek Heston** of Omaha died 1-15-05. She was a longtime resident of the Florence Home.

**1931-Ethel Bentz Wilcox** of Henderson, NV.

**1931-Lucille Bentz Wilcox** of Henderson, NV.

**1932-Bob Anthes** of Lincoln, NE died 3-16-05.

**1932-Keen William Hamilton** a longtime resident of Ralston, NE died 9-16-04. He worked for General Electric for 42 years as a district sales representative in the commercial developer division, and retired in 1978.

**1932-Charles Kuzela** of Glendale, AZ.

**1934-Paul Chadonich** of Papillion, NE.

Life member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. His family asked that memorials be sent to the South High Alumni Association. *Thank you and we appreciate the memorials very much.*

**1935-Harold "Hashie" "Dow" Christie** died 1-1-05. He lived in California for many years until a recent move to be with his son in Durango, CO.

**1935-Virginia Brown Lyle** of McCook, NE died 2-14-05.

**1936-Marie Bilek Halac** of Omaha died 2-05.

**1936-Patricia Didik Petkus** of Los Alamitos, CA died 2-17-05.

**1938-Pauline Valentic Madsen** of Homer Glen, IL.

**1938-Frank Prazan** of Omaha.

**1938-Andrew Sobczyk** of Omaha.

**1938-Mary Rita Ryan White** of Redding, CA died 2-05. She loved traveling with her husband and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

**1939-Grethel Shoemaker Bilby** of Gulf Breeze, FL died 8-30-04.

**1939-Anthony Garrotto** of Leawood, KS died 9-2-04.

**1939-Joe Kopecky** of Bellevue, NE died 2-05.

**1939-Richard Skoff** of Omaha. Richard

was a World War II Navy Veteran and Marine Veteran of Korea. He greatly enjoyed his memberships in American Legion Post 331, the DAV, and the German American Society.

**1940-William Erftmier** of Colorado Springs died 3-28-05.

**1940-Sam Garofolo** of Omaha died 10-30-04.

**1940-Virginia Barnt Hall** of Calistoga, CA died 3-2-05.

**1940-Carolyn Fenster Parsons** of Bellevue, NE died late 2004.

**1941-Mary Schimonitz Bauer** of Louisville, NE died 5-03.

**1941-Harriet Finney Graves** of Phoenix, AZ.

**1941-Marie Lang Striegel** of Cameron Park, CA died 1-4-05.

**1942-Thornell Henry** of Andover, NJ.

**1943-Rose Brazda Awender** of Omaha died 1-05.

**1943-Eleanor Joan Timmerman Babbitt** of Little Rock, AR died 4-29-05.

**1943-Dwain Eiben** of Simi Valley, CA died late in 3-05 within two weeks of his wife, **Marilyn-1944**, below.

**1944-Marilyn Wenninghoff Eiben** of Simi Valley, CA died early 3-05.

**1944-Betty Slachetka Gregory** of Omaha died 3-5-05.

**1945-Delores Franklin Allison** of Omaha.

**1945-Thomas Gomez** of Omaha.

**1945-Evelene Woster Lampe** of LaVista, NE.

**1945-Virginia Bighia Macaitis** of Omaha.

**1945-William Pecha** of Omaha died 4-05.

**1945-Beverly Jean Retynski Terryberry** of Modesto, CA.

**1945-Mary Elizebeth Ward** of Omaha.

**1945-Lillian Tesarek Wojtowicz** of Bellevue, NE.

**1945-Leonard "Bud" Zielinski** of Omaha died 10-13-04. He was a World War II Veteran.

**1947-Donald Young** of Papillion died 5-14-03.

**1948-Delores Schlundt Hall** of Fort Worth, TX died 1-10-05.

**1949-Virginia Zych Bartling** of Bellevue died 2-05.

**1949-Rudy Novacek** of South Omaha died 2-10-05 of complications of a stroke he suffered late in 2004. He was president of the Deer Park Neighborhood Association for 12 years and a member of the Omaha Police Department's Southeast Precinct Advisory Council. Mayor Mike Fahey stated that Rudy's death was "a very sad thing for Omaha neighborhoods, particularly South Omaha." Mayor Fahey also said that "you

always knew where you stood with Rudy.

He was not afraid to express his opinion and that was refreshing." South Omaha has lost another strong community volunteer.

(Information from *OW-H*)

**1950-Donna Couch Hough** of Scottsdale, AZ died of a massive stroke on 5-29-05.

**1950-Richard Manas** of Omaha.

**1950-Earl Polsley** of Omaha died 12-26-04.

**1950-Betty Jane Lathrop Romeo** of Pittsburg, CA.

**1950-Joan Bacome Taylor** of Omaha died 1-14-05.

**1951-Judith Binkley Latimer** of Linn Creek, MO died 3-5-05, of cancer.

**1952-Richard N. Knihal** of Omaha died of a fatal asthma attack 5-23-05 in Woodland Hills, CO where he was visiting family.

Richard had a barber shop at 50th and Harrison for more than 40 years, yet he never had a telephone. He was an awesome storyteller, who always had a joke or story to tell. He and his wife Elaine (Mickells) celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary the day before he died.

**1953-Joann Stephens Fuerhoff** of Knoxville, IA was killed in a car accident in Phoenix, AZ in 4-05.

**1953-Hortencia Toledo** of Omaha died spring of 2005.

**1954-Rita Barkus Casey Crouch** of Omaha died 5-05.

**1954-Martin Kusek** of Omaha.

**1955-Raymond Jankowski** of Carlsborg, WA.

**1955-Harold Lee** of Mandeville, LA died 1-05.

**1955-Euell Montgomery.**

**1955-Jerry Sempek** of Omaha died 4-1-05.

**1955-Wendell "Bull" Stewart** of Omaha died 1-7-05 in Colorado. He served in the United States Army from 1959-1962 and was sports editor and photographer of the *Ranchland Farm News* in Simla, CO. At one time, he owned a photography studio specializing in portraits and weddings. He was a noted Midwest Golden Gloves Champion, and was inducted into Nebraska's Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame in 1977. He was a protégé of trainer Leonard "Hawk" Hawkins at SHS. During his high school days, he was known as the somewhat undersized (127 lbs.) but worthy quarterback of the SHS Football Team.

**1955-Paul Zagar** of Omaha.

**1958-Karen Trotter** of Omaha died 12-04.

**1959-Barbara Svoboda Beavers** of Bellevue, NE died 2-05.

**1959-Ellen Anthony Smith** of Colorado Springs, CO.

**1960-Jacqueline Woodward Barjanbruch** of Omaha died 4-04.

**1961-Ronald Jarecki** of Omaha died 5-05.

**1961-Lonnie Neff** of Omaha died 3-05.

**1962-Regina Sue Oliver Gonzalez** of Rolling Meadows, IL died 2-05.

**1962-Leonard Slizoski** of Omaha died 4-21-04 from lung cancer.

**1963-Lorraine Olsen Bochnicek** of Omaha died 2-8-05 of complications of multiple sclerosis from which she suffered for many years. Her family said that she "could have been bitter about the hand she was dealt - coming down with a cruel and devastating disease at such a young age. But, she kept a smile on her face, a giggle in her voice and love in her heart, for life. Even when MS tried so many times to take away her spirit, she found a way to brighten up your day."

**1963-Simon J. Pilus** of Blencoe, IA died 1-13-05.

**1965-Frank Anania** of Ralston.

**1965-James Bartu** of Santee, CA.

**1965-William Burns, Jr.** of Ralston, NE 5-05.

**1965-Zinaida Victori Gegzna.**

**1965-Ernestine Lewis Peck.**

**1965-Kenneth Young.**

**1966-Linda Charlotte "Meme" George Davey** of Joplin, MO died 1-4-05 of complications from bowel and colon surgery.

**1966-Nathaniel Deveraux** in Oakland, CA died 2-7-05 after a long illness.

**1967-Randy Wilke Ruge** of Liberty, MO died 3-31-05 of lung cancer. He worked for Cummins Electric Generators for over 20 years as General Manager and was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed working on cars and household projects, completing them to perfection.

**1968-Beverly Gosch Hanson** died 2-7-05 of breast cancer.

**1968 Peter Dosenovich** of Omaha died 3-9-05.

**1973-George Chonis, Jr.**, died in Denver, CO 12-20-04.

**1982-Terry Jasper** of Omaha. Killed at his home 2-05. He had been a Chef at Cartiers in Omaha and was known to cook a mean bar-b-que - which he loved to do.

**1985-Jennifer Williams Andrade** of Omaha.

**1985-Christine Danoff** of Omaha.

**1985-Arenna Throener.**

#### An Apology:

In the spring **TOOTER**, the name "**James Imig-Class of 1955**" should have read: "**John Imig.**" Our deepest apologies to his family and friends.

## 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 9-28-05** - Packer Sports Greats Banquet at Anthony's Restaurant 72 & F Street. Everyone is welcome, but tickets MUST be purchased in advance. More information about this event elsewhere in this **TOOTER**.
- 9-30-05** - SHS Homecoming Football Game. Complimentary admission for all alumni with the ticket on the back cover of this issue.
- 10-15-05** - SHS Craft Show at South High School - 9 am to 3 pm. Admission is \$1.00. Crafters are needed. Call Lori at 292-9837 for more information.
- 10-15-05** - Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 A.M. SHS Room 254.
- 1-7-06** - Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 A.M. Alumni Association Office located at 5082 S.107 St.
- 3-25-06** - Eleventh Annual Spaghetti Dinner. More details in the Spring **TOOTER**.
- 4-8-06** - Eleventh-Annual Bowling Shoot-out at Leopard Lanes. Mark your calendars now. Further details in the Spring **TOOTER**.
- 4-15-06** - Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 A.M. Alumni Association Office.

**ALL ALUMNI ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE EVENTS REQUIRE TICKETS AND/OR RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT (402) 738-9493 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE OTHER EVENTS.**

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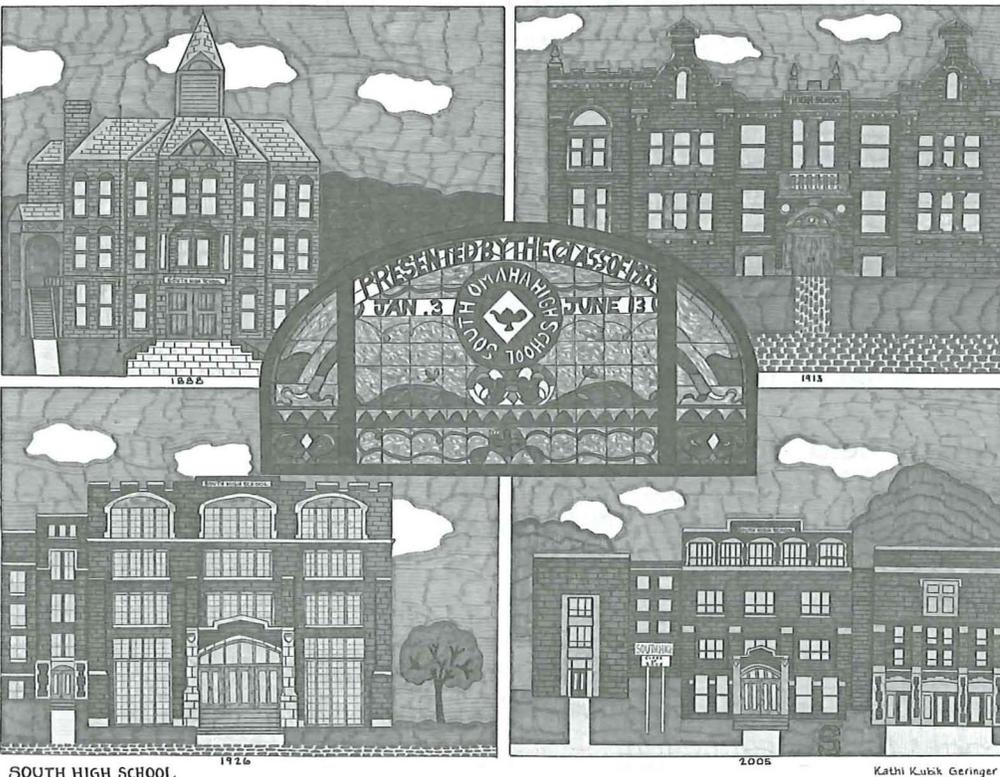
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## 5th ANNUAL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LOTTERY

Fellow Alumni:

Take a moment to consider how fortunate we are to have an Alumni Association at SHS. In 2005 your SHSAA gave \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. We mail 20,000 alumni **TOOTERS** twice each year at a total cost of \$16,150. We do this to keep our graduates and friends informed and to share news about SHS, your classmates and friends. Your Alumni Association sponsors several events each year for your enjoyment. All of these activities cost money, and that is why we ask for your support with this lottery. **Without this money for operating expenses we will be unable to continue our current level of support to SHS, its students and alumni.**

**This year's lottery will have SIX cash prizes!!**

First prize is \$2,000 CASH  
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A total of \$5,000 will be given in prizes.

We hope that you will support your Alumni Association by either buying these books of tickets or selling them to family, friends and coworkers. Please complete name, address and phone number, and send only the portion which has your name, address and phone number along with your money to the alumni office at the address below. Last year many of you used address labels along with your phone number, this really worked GREAT ! Please keep the portion of the tickets that are printed with the prizes and dates for your records.

There is no limit to the amount of tickets that you can buy/or sell. If you would like to receive more tickets, please let us know. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, and you would like us to fill them out for you, you can send your money and the way you wish the tickets to be filled out and we will do it for you. (Again, sending address labels to us for use on your extra tickets would be extremely helpful.)

**ALL tickets & money MUST be received at the office by  
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# REUNION INFORMATION

## 2005

**1950 – 55-year reunion.** Reservation deadline is 9-20-05. The reunion is on Friday 9-30-05 at Anthony's Restaurant & Lounge 72nd & F Street in Omaha. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!!** If you need a reservation form, contact **Velta Stolz Boldra**, (402) 571-2321 [rovebo@msn.com](mailto:rovebo@msn.com) or **Arnie Kriegler** (972) 377-0552 [amkriegler@comcast.net](mailto:amkriegler@comcast.net). We cannot take payment at the door. Remember you **MUST** have a reservation in advance.

## 2006

**1951 - 55-year reunion.** Save 8-19-06 for our reunion! The committee is working on plans to bring the great class of '51 together. If you have changed your address since the last reunion, please send that information to **Don Begley** - 3530 So 102 St. - Omaha, NE 68124 or E-Mail to [danarchb@cox.net](mailto:danarchb@cox.net) or **Max and Shirley Johnson** [shmajohnson@juno.com](mailto:shmajohnson@juno.com) to help us bring our records up to date.

**1961 - 45-year reunion.** Saturday 7-15-06 at Anthony's Restaurant. More information will be mailed to classmates.

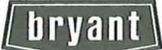
**1966 - 40-year reunion.** Saturday 7-15-06 at the Livestock Exchange Building - 28th & L Streets - South Ball Room. Classmates will receive information and details in the mail soon.

**1971 - 35-year reunion.** Saturday, 7-22-06 at the newly renovated Livestock Exchange Building. For more information, contact **Ken Stoysich** (402) 341-7260, **Howard Koziol** (402) 321-7008, email: [hkoziol@oppd.com](mailto:hkoziol@oppd.com), or **Lynda Henningsen** (402) 345-1303, email: [dailyrecord@mcleodusa.net](mailto:dailyrecord@mcleodusa.net).

**1996 10 year reunion.** A reunion is being planned. If you would like to help, please call **Sharon Lynch Stremick** at 402-697-3854. Complete detailed information will be mailed to classmates.

**A SIXTIES DECADE DANCE** is being sponsored by the class of 1966. All classes from the 1960s are invited to attend a dance at the Millard American Legion on Friday 7-14-06. For more information call **Lori Roberts Hunter-1966** at (402) 298-7530 or **Julie Riha Diehm-1966** at (402) 293-1719. **COMPLETE DETAILS** in the Spring 2006 **TOOTER**.

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### SHS KITCHEN STAFF RECIPES

#### OZARK PUDDING (serves 45)

(no cooking and no baking)

- 1 Lb. butter
- 1 Qt. sugar
- 10 eggs
- 2 Qt. graham cracker crumbs
- 1 Qt. crushed pineapple
- 1 Qt. chopped nuts (walnut)

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy

Beat eggs thoroughly

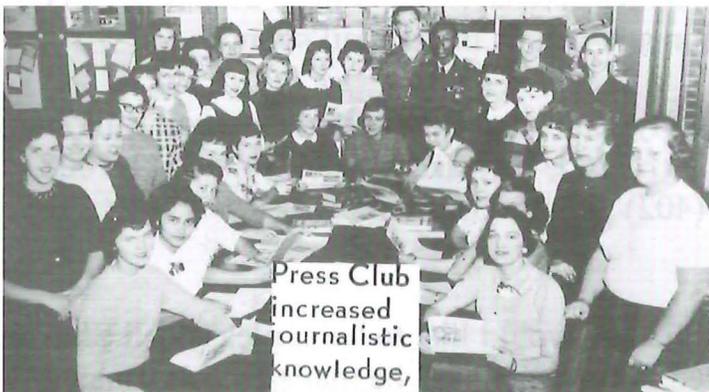
Add together and mix in pineapple and nuts; mix well  
Into a large pan put a layer of crumbs, layer of pineapple mixture, layer of crumbs, another of pineapple, and lastly, crumbs

**Sharon Schneidewind-1959** shared this recipe from her mother's collection as a follow up to our picture of the Kitchen Staff in our last **TOOTER**. She will share other recipes with us in future editions. Thanks so much, Sharon!

### 1959 WAS A GREAT YEAR



Math Club 1959



Press Club 1959



Rifle Team 1959

### Sally Ganem with SHSAA members



Sally Ganem, Governor Dale Heinemann's wife, was the keynote speaker at the SHS Honors Convocation on May 9, 2005. She is shown here with SHSAA Board Members Dr. Richard Gulizia, President John Krayneski, Secretary Judi Limas, Vic Riha, Scott Knudsen, Sally Ganem, Sandie Knudsen, Julie Diehm and Lori Hunter.

# Omaha South High Alumni Association Clothing Order Form

Mail to SHSAA – 5082 South 107 Street - Omaha, NE 68127 - Call 738-9493

**POLO SHIRTS - \$15 Each – All Sizes**

Alumni Association Logo at left breast – with or without pocket

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

**GOLF SHIRTS (Sizes Run Large)**

Omaha South “S” Alumni at left breast

Short sleeved – white with red collar & red sleeve band with black edging

Small \$20	Medium \$20	Large \$20	X-Large \$20	XX-Large \$23	XXX-Large \$23	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**ORIGINAL TEE SHIRT DESIGN**

Gray with original SHS Alumni Association Logo

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
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**COLORED TEE SHIRTS**

Omaha South “S” Alumni Centered on Front

	Medium \$10	Large \$10	X-Large \$10	XX-Large \$12.50	XXX-Large \$12.50	Total
Red	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Black	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**LONG SLEEVED TEE SHIRTS**

Omaha South “S” Alumni at Left Breast

	Medium \$15	Large \$15	X-Large \$15	XX-Large \$18	XXX-Large \$18	Total
Red	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
White	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Black	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**WHITE ONLY LONG SLEEVED TEE SHIRTS**

Omaha South “S” Alumni Centered on Front

	Medium \$15	Large \$15	X-Large \$15	XX-Large \$18	XXX-Large \$18	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____



**ORIGINAL DESIGN GRAY SWEATSHIRTS WITH SCREEN PRINT**

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

**EMBROIDERED SWEATSHIRTS**

Omaha South High Alumni w/Bull Embroidered Across Front

	Large \$30	X-Large \$30	XX-Large \$35	XXX-Large \$35	Total
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White	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Black	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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\_\_\_ Black with red lettering and trim \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ All red with white lettering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ White cap, red lettering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Red cap with white lettering "SOG" (South Omaha Girl) \$7.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$3.00 shipping charges to ***EACH*** item. TOTAL SHIPPING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** You may pick up your order at the office to *save shipping charges* — but you *must call first* to be sure we are there to help you — Call **738-9493**

I have ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Items.

My order totals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and my check payable to **SHSAA** (SHS Alumni Association) is enclosed.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (MAIDEN NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4" x 8" brick - \$75 each minimum donation

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bergquist Stadium**  
**at Norris Middle School**  
**South of Center on 46th Street**



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