

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

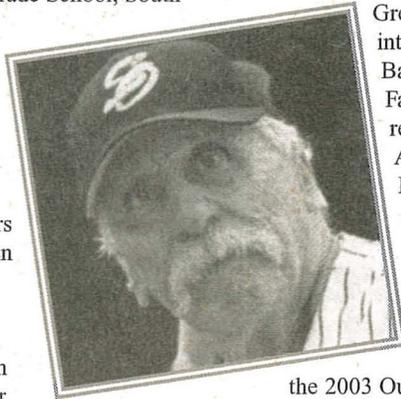
JOHN STELLA-1953

How do you know John Stella? Did you attend St. Peter Grade School, South High or Omaha University with him? Were you in the U.S. Army Reserves with him? Was he your postman for more than 30 years before he retired in 1992?

Even more likely, did you watch him play basketball for SHS from 1950 to 1953 or baseball from 1951 through 1959? He played baseball for SHS from 1951 to 1953, for American Legion (H.P. Smith and Metz teams) from 1951 to 1952, and for Omaha University from 1954 to 1957. He said the H.P. Smith team took National League Championship in 1951 and the Metz team took City Championship in 1952. He was such a standout player that the last year of his baseball career was spent with the San Francisco Giants organization from 1958 to 1959. He credits Coach Cornie Collin as a great influence on him.

Every where John Stella goes, people call him "coach" and maybe that's how you know him. He has a long history of coaching baseball in the area. He coached the St. Ann CYO team from 1960 through 1968; was Assistant Coach for SHS from 1985 through 2001; and head coach for American Legion teams from 1982 through 2007. He started coaching 47 years ago – and he's still going strong.

He has received numerous awards over the years. These include: the Nebraska Baseball Coaches' Association Man of the Year Award for 1992, 1994 and 2002; and the National High School Baseball



Coaches' Association District 5 Assistant Coach of the Year in 1996. He was inducted into the SHS Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame in 2003 and into the Omaha Old Timers' Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 2006. John also received the 2003 Service Award from the American Legion Post 1, and an achievement award from the Nebraska/Iowa Old Timers' Association. He was honored as an Admiral in the Navy of the State of Nebraska and the Sons of Italy named him the 2003 Outstanding Italian/American of the Year.

This is heady stuff, yet it hasn't gone to his head – he's just as down to earth now as when he started helping youngsters develop into fine ball players and fine young men.

John is active in many organizations. He devotes most of his time to activities connected with baseball and preserving his Italian heritage through the Sons of Italy, the Santa Lucia Festival Committee, and the American/Italian Heritage Society. He also is active in the American Legion and the American GI Forum – Omaha Chapter.

When I asked John what drew him to baseball, he said it came naturally since he grew up in a time when there were no televisions, nor air conditioning to keep a kid inside. The neighborhood kids always were playing outside and always had a ball game going. He had some great players in the 22nd and Pierce area where he grew up – playing ball with the likes of **Jan Philby**, **Ben Cacciopo**, **Jim Kennedy**, **Dave Koile**, (all of whom have been inducted into the Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame) and his brother **Paul** who was honored in 2007 at the Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame banquet for his outstanding contributions as a coach. No wonder they were such power-

houses. John's brother, **Mike-1957** played football for SHS and also was a very good athlete.

At South he also played with a bunch of superstars such as **Steve Cavlovic**, **Hackett Philby**, **Gene Hines**, **Jim Mertlik**, **Lloyd Brazda**, **Mike Krmptic**, **Stan Schaetzle**, **Jerry Vodicka** and **Don Zeski** – all of whom were also inducted into the Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame. He recalled that this was also the era of **Nancy Etter Sweetwood** – a tennis and golf standout at SHS, probably one of the best women athletes in the city at that time.

I asked if he kept track of the win/loss record of his teams when he started coaching and he said "My goal has always been to try to teach the kids the game, and get them to the next level, whether that be playing ball in college or for the pros."

He saw many of his kids become successful ball players, including **Mike Jones-1982** (Chicago Cubs); **Mike Valla-1983** (Pirates); **B.J. Waszgis-1989** (Baltimore Orioles, who then played for six different teams including the major league Texas Rangers); and **Chris Bober-1995** (pitcher and catcher at SHS -- as well as a standout in football where he made his mark at UNO as an All American, then played Pro football with the Giants, and now plays for the Kansas City Chiefs). I'd say he helped all these players get to the next level and instilled a love of the game in many more ballplayers on his teams!

John has four children – Tony, John, Joe and Christine – and seven grandchildren to keep him young.

Yes, many people in Omaha know, like and respect John Stella – and it's a position he has earned through his hard work and dedication to helping youth. *Thank you John – it's a great boon to the youth of South Omaha to have you on their side!*

PACKER GREATS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame banquet was held at Anthony's Restaurant on 72 and F Street on October 24 and was a grand event as we filled the new banquet area of the restaurant with nearly 300 alumni, family, friends, teachers and students. We not only enjoyed a delicious meal but also many memorable moments and laughs recalling the past history of these athletes.

The following were inducted into the Hall of Fame:

Athletes:



1948 -John Wiren earned nine letters in football, baseball, basketball and track. In 1944 he was Captain of Creighton Prep's undefeated freshman football team before transferring to SHS. He was on the Inter-city Football Championship team in 1946 and that team ranked #2 in final state ratings. John received Honorable Mention All-State in 1947. In 1946-47 he was selected All-City for Baseball, and was catcher for the Metz Legion Champions. The 1947 Metz team was among the top eight teams in the USA and was City and State Regional/Sectional finalist. In basketball he played on the Inter-city basketball championship team and State runner up team in 1947. In 1948 he was named Outstanding Athlete by Omaha Sportswriters and was offered football scholarships to Nebraska, Iowa State, Duke, SMU and Huron College. He played football and baseball at Huron College and then Omaha University; then played football at Mexico City University before completing his education at Omaha University in 1959. He was offered baseball contracts by five major league teams, and played pro baseball in the Dodgers chain for two seasons. John was not limited to football and

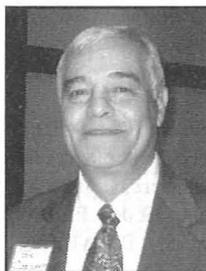
baseball as he was the Omaha Heavyweight Golden Gloves Champion in 1951. He was a pilot in the Navy and played sports at various Naval stations in the USA and Japan. After serving in the US Secret Service, he flew as a crop duster and was a pilot for many major airlines, also serving as executive pilot for foreign royalty. His flying experiences in Vietnam, Thailand and Laos are portrayed in a 2006 fictionalized autobiography "Flight of the Erawan."

South High School ALUMNI TOOTER

1949-Joe Stanek earned letters in baseball and basketball. He played on the 1948 Metz Championship team, was the pitcher on the City-State-Regional Sectional Championship team, and played in the Legion World Series. Following graduation, Joe started his professional baseball career with the Brooklyn Dodgers farm teams, playing in Ponca City, Oklahoma for two years, and then in Elmira, New York Class A for one year. He served in the United States Coast Guard for two years and then played Class AAA baseball for several teams. These include the Pueblo Dodgers and the Fort Worth Dodgers in 1954; the Montreal Dodgers in 1955; the Montreal Dodgers and St. Paul Saints in 1956; and returning to Fort Worth and Pueblo in 1957, and finally ending his career in Des Moines in 1958. Stanek had the longest career in professional baseball than any other player from SHS. After ending his baseball career, Joe went into business with his father operating Buck's Shoes in South Omaha. He umpired baseball games for many years in and around Omaha including games for the University of Nebraska, and also for the College World Series.



1955-Ben Cacioppo earned 10 letters in football, baseball and basketball. He played halfback, linebacker and defensive back, and was the team captain on the football team. He won All-City Football honors in 1954. He received a football scholarship to Iowa University in 1955 and transferred to Omaha University in 1956 where he played on the freshman team scoring all 26



points in the two games on the schedule. He played third base on South's baseball team, batting over .300 all four years, and won All-City honors in 1954 and 1955. He played Legion ball for the Metz teams from 1951 to 1955, was on the 1954 City Championship Team, and batted .356 in 1955. He started his professional baseball career in 1957 with the Brooklyn Dodgers Alabama farm club. In 1958 he played for the St. Louis Cardinals farm club in Keokuk, Iowa. Cacioppo served in the National Guard Service in 1960 and 1961, after which he started a floor and wall covering business which he ran until he retired.

1956-Jim Kennedy earned three letters each in football and baseball at SHS. He was selected All-City and All-State Halfback, while scoring 20 touchdowns, and was Council Bluffs Nonpareil Player of the Year in 1956. In baseball Jim was a catcher on the Metz Legion Team (and he won All-Tournament Catcher honors) when Metz won the City Championship in 1955. After graduation he played football at Wyoming (for Coach Bob Devaney), Iowa State, and Omaha University. He also coached little league baseball and Pop Warner football.



1964-Tom Ruffino earned letters for wrestling, football and track. He had 110 wrestling wins and 14 losses, and won the South Invitational three years and the North Invitational one year. He was Inter-City Champion three years, District Champion two years and State Champion one year. He was runner up twice for the State Championship and was Captain of the 1964 wrestling team. Tom played both offense and defense on the 1964 football team. He received a 1964-65 wrestling scholarship to Kansas State University, and then later transferred to UNO to compile a 35 win and 14 loss record. He qualified for Nationals and finished second in Regionals both years. After a stint in the Army, he worked for the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, becoming Director of the State's Child



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Support Enforcement Program in 1985. He served as Vice President of the National Support Directors Association from 1987-1990. He resigned the position to open his own consulting business "Technology Management Resources" which grew to 200 employees with consulting contracts in 20 states. After he sold the business, he opened Comfort Care Homes, an assisted living care concept offering assistance in six residential homes for individuals suffering from dementia and Alzheimers.



1965-Dan Klepper lettered in baseball and football at SHS. He played third base and received All-City Honorable Mention his senior year. He was Captain of the football team his senior year and played in the 1965 Shrine Bowl. He was a starter at UNO all four years in football, and was honored as All-CIC Conference Selection for three years; 1968 All-American First Team Offensive Lineman; Associated Press and NAIA teams; 1968 Outstanding Player and Outstanding Lineman; Co-Captain of the 1968 team; Outstanding UNO Athlete Award 1968-1969. He also enjoyed an excellent pitching career at UNO, going undefeated in 1967 (3-0) with a 1.81 earned run average. He was elected to the UNO Hall of Fame in 1994, and was President of the UNO "O" Club and his fraternity. Dan was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 9th round. He was selected All-Pro Offensive Lineman with the Omaha Mustangs in 1971. He was a teacher, football and basketball coach in the Westside School District. Since 1973 Dan has lived in Denver where he has owned and served as president of several trucking firms.

Contributors:

Paul Stella – honored in appreciation and recognition of contributions to the South High Girls' Softball and the overall Metro Girls' Softball Program. Coach Stella's girls fast pitch softball free clinics provided many players with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals and the proper way to succeed in this new girls' sport. His leadership helped advance the sport to the high status it now enjoys.



William & Ruth Scott Family Foundation – John Scott Executive Vice President -

honored in appreciation and recognition of contributions to the SHS Athletic Program. With this Foundation's assistance, Brown Park Baseball Field and the H.P. Smith Girls Softball Field have become a reality. Other Foundations and donors made contributions once the Scott Foundation backed the efforts to provide first class sports facilities -- a dream come true for the youth of South Omaha! Pictured are Liz Bisson – Heritage Foundation and John Scott.

Team:



1966 State Wrestling Champions - John Barrera, Mike Kinsella, Mike Lee, Tom Beedle, Phil Taylor, Ed Kasada, Paul Bartunek, Alonzo Adair, Jim Gunia, Mitch Emery, Rick Johnson, Jim Barrington, Forrest Dalton, Bernie Howland, and Sam Ryan.

Surprise Induction:



Steve Cavlovic did a great job of serving as Master of Ceremonies for the awards, and was taken by surprise at the conclusion of the inductions when **Susie Ihnen Schotte**, a member of the Sports Greats Hall of Fame Committee had the honor of taking over the

microphone and inducting Steve into the Sports Greats Hall of Fame. She described his outstanding baseball athletic career, beginning with midget ball for Johnny's Café in 1945, Fr. Miller Feed-Mill midget ball 1946, Sts. Peter & Paul Grade School and CYO teams 1945-46, Metz Legion Champions and #8 in the USA in 1947, Metz Legion Champions Final 4 – World Series in 1948; and SHS Baseball team 1947 through 1950.

In 1949 he played in the Nebraska Independent League at Hastings, and in the Douglas Sarpy Cass League in Springfield, NE. Also, he lettered in football in 1948 and 1949, playing halfback and linebacker. He won *Omaha World-Herald* Star of the Week honors twice in 1949.

After the 1950 College World Series, Steve signed a contract to play baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and in 1950 and 1951 he played in the Brooklyn Farm System KOM League in Ponca City, Oklahoma and semi-pro ball in Jefferson City, Missouri. In 1952 he played for the Army Camp Crowder Baseball Team, and in 1953 and 1954 he was part of the Ft. Leonard Wood Special Services Team, as well as the Jefferson City, Missouri Semipro Team. He also played for the Stockyard Indians, Mainelli Construction and Ralston Town Team at various times. From 1956 through 1968 Steve played fast pitch softball for Whitcomb's Tavern, Falstaff, Jake's Bar, Joe Tess, Darby's and Wilson's. He also coached the Darby's softball team for five years. From 1957 though 1965 he coached the Sts. Peter & Paul Grade School team. He then coached the Sts. Peter & Paul Girls' Grade School Softball program and started one of the first Intramural Girls' Softball Programs in Omaha for 5-6-7-8 Grades with more than 100 girls participating. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003 for his outstanding contributions to the sport.

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SHS SPORTS GREATS NOMINATION FORM



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Civic Involvement or youth coaching or any other information about the impact this individual made on fellow citizens or country.

Nominator's Information

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Please return completed form by June 1, 2008 to: **Sports Greats Committee**
Steve Cavlovic - 3927 "X" STREET - OMAHA, NE 68107

THANKS COACH FROM THE 1966 WRESTLING TEAM INDUCTED INTO THE 2007 SPORTS GREATS HALL OF FAME



A lot of us grew up together from grade school on. We wrestled for South YMCA, Woodson Center and South Side Terrace. The late great Mickey Sparano started the great run of SHS State Wrestling

Championships from 1955 to 1960. Coach Haizlip came in 1961 and won four State Wrestling Championships out of the next seven years. Some of Mickey's state champs such as Jim Fuxa and Don Alexander coached the "Y" teams. The late great Charlie Bryant (SHS, NU, TJ) coached Woodsen Center. Tech High's team was mostly Kellom grade school team mates we wrestled against in grade school. The 1966 SHS team took its beatings from Tech that year. We won the SHS Invitational, but Tech won the North High Invitational over us by 50 points. The District Meet was at Tech and we won that one. At State, SHS won over Tech by 20 points to take the title. So over all for the year, it was an astonishing 70 point turn around to "bring home the bacon" as Coach would say. I would like to thank Coach Haizlip for helping us be the best we could possibly be, and for inducting the 1966 Wrestling Team into the SHS Sports Greats Hall of Fame. It is truly our honor to be included along with the other great SHS teams.

By **Mitch Emery** – Co-Captain of the 1966 State Champions Wrestling Team

South High School **ALUMNI TOOTER**

SOBS OF THE WORLD UNITE!!!!!!!

How's that for a title? Only a South Omaha person can appreciate that title!

Recently, I was in the company of 300 men, women and kids of the finest qualities of character, integrity and athleticism at Omaha South High's Annual Packer Sports Greats Banquet. If there ever was a neighborhood and school that was a melting pot of races, colors and creeds, it certainly was South Omaha. I have attended different banquets, but this one is tops because of the warmth, camaraderie, commitment, stories, humor, dedication and perseverance that was so evident.

An outstanding South athlete and historian himself, **Steve Cavlovic** entertained the crowd, introduced inductees, presented Hall of Fame awards, and to his surprise, was also inducted into South's Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame. From his mention of all the improvements at Brown Park and the H.P. Smith Field, many folks are still showing their appreciation for being SOBs (and girls) by their donations of time and money. If only there were more SOBs like these folks in the city and world! Steve kept the ball rolling at a very informative and humorous pace and everyone made it home in time to "go to midnight Mass" as he promised.

South Omaha and the area surrounding Omaha SHS has changed considerably, but it was very evident that the same hard-working, community-minded, love of God and neighbor and "deep appreciation for the small and finer things in life" attitude, has not changed in those who came from near and across the country. Breaking bread, sharing stories, and laughing at my table with folks of Bohemian, Polish, Italian, Hispanic, German and Irish descent is what life is all about!

The Alumni Packer Greats Committee of **John Krayneski, Jim Hardick, Susan Schotte, Tony Palma, Steve Cavlovic, Tom**

Popek, Bob McNutt, Charlie Bruno, Beau Hazlip, John Stella and all the proud graduates are to be commended for their outstanding and proud community spirit and dedication to keeping South O a wonderful and proud place to claim as our own.

Dzien' dobry!

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STEVE CAVLOVIC HONORED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE SOUTH OMAHA COMMUNITY



Steve C. is always tuned into what is going on around him, and when he arrived at Anthony's Steakhouse on September 10 to have dinner with Dave and Carol VanMetre, he noticed a sign that a South High party was booked in the bar area. He was instantly curious because he wasn't invited and wondered who was having the party. As he came around the corner to check it out, he was very surprised to see his family and closest friends and others he knew all gathered there. He moved about the crowd talking while cameras were flashing and it took a while before he realized that this party was all about him. After a delicious meal, several people participated in a praising and roasting ceremony – both of which were very well received. They talked about Steve's tireless community involvement. He has been a member of the Omaha Softball Association Board of Directors for years; co-developer and owner of Corrigan Senior Housing Complex and co-owner of Corrigan Senior Center, which are both non-profit organizations. As you know, he developed the H.P. Smith Sports Training



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Complex for SHS and South Omaha youth. He was chair of the SHS 1989 Centennial Scholarship Program which has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to SHS students. Steve also serves as President and Director of the Ritonya-Buscher-Poehling Scholarship Program, which has donated more than \$506,000 since 1977 for students from SHS, Bryan, Gross High School, and South Omaha Boys & Girls Clubs, and to Metropolitan Omaha teachers. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 1990 and was a founding member and Board Member of the SHS Alumni Association.

In 1995 he received the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Ike Friedman award for outstanding community service. He was recognized in 1997 by United Way of the Midlands as the Year's Outstanding Volunteer.

Steve and Marylou Stanesic (daughter of John Stanesic, Baseball Old-timer's honoree in 1965 and umpire-in-chief in Omaha for 20 years) Cavlovic have been married for 52 years and have three daughters: Cheryl in Austin, TX; Connie in Omaha, NE; and Denise in Kansas City, Missouri.

We all recognize that the South Omaha community is a much better place because Steve has devoted his talent and energies to helping others. The evening was all about recognizing his accomplishments plus having a little fun at his expense.

Congratulations, Steve, for touching so many lives and having so many friends and admirers.

SPORTS CORNER



Send us your news (and pictures if possible) about your hole in one, perfect bowling game, the mountain you climbed, the race you won, etc., so we can share your success with your school alumni!

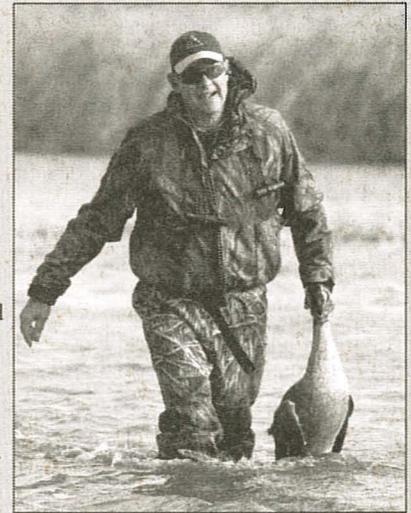
1950-John Distefano sent us this photo of a mahi-mahi he caught off the coast of Puerto Villarta. Congratulations on a great catch!

1963-David J. Rak was one of the founding partners of the ProDucks Hunt Club with land across the Missouri River from Nebraska City. Rak loved nature so much that he wanted to share it with everyone; therefore, he and his partners hosted four Marines who were injured in Iraq for three days of hunting at the Club last November. They outfitted the Marines, helped them pass the Hunter Safety course, and obtained the necessary permits to hunt. It was a very meaningful and wonderful event for all involved. He was also a founding member of the Nebraska Duck Callers Association.

We are sad to report that David died on January 5, 2008 of a sudden heart attack. He was doing what he loved best at the time, and that was hunting for deer. He was alone on the Missouri River bottomland near Hamburg, Iowa that he and others own for waterfowl, pheasant, deer and turkey hunting.

While at SHS, Rak played football and was lineman of the year as a tackle in 1966. He earned a civil engineering degree at Omaha University after graduation and worked for Hawkins Construction. Later he opened his own commercial construction firm later named David Management & Construction.

We extend our sympathy to David's wife, Paulette, his daughters, and grandchildren on their loss. *Note: Photo reprinted with permission of OW-H - thank you!*



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TWO RIMINGTON FAMILY STORIES:

MOM'S STORY – Barbara Rimington Acuff (mother of Dave Rimington)

What makes a 55 year-old mother leave her homeland in England and immigrate to America with only her young daughter Barbara as her companion? In the case of Mrs. Nellie Ramsbottom, the mother of **Barbara Rimington Acuff**, it was to live near her daughters, Dorothy, Evelyn and Vera in Omaha and give Barbara opportunities she would not have in England. They courageously traveled from Southampton England to New York on a Cunard Line Ship, and traveled across the United States to Omaha in a car driven by Dorothy's husband, Ronald Gahl. Evelyn was about to marry Kenneth Johnson in February 1950 and Barbara was excited to be a bridesmaid.

Young Barbara was enrolled in South High School in 1950 as a sophomore, although she was only 13 years old, because the schools in England had a schedule very different from America's. She enjoyed her year in her new school, especially her fellow students --particularly another classmate from England named Carol.

But her life was to change abruptly as they received word that her father was very ill. They returned quickly to England where they stayed to care for her father until his death in 1951. Unfortunately, it was financially necessary for Barbara to find employment immediately; therefore, she was unable to complete her studies. She worked in the mailroom at Littlewoods until she was 16 and old enough to work in the office.

She always intended to return to America and saved enough to do so in 1953, settling down in Omaha and marrying Emile James Rimington. They raised four children, a girl - Diana Lynn, and three boys - Dennis James, David Brian and Douglas Scott. Dennis attended Bryan High School near their home, although they lived on the border of South High School's district. Diane and David followed Dennis to Bryan until school officials told Barbara that David could stay at Bryan, but Diana must transfer to SHS. Barbara responded that they would both attend Bryan - or they would both attend SHS. Thankfully, as we all know - they both attended SHS!

It was a good decision on Barbara's part since Diana (now Mrs. Stephen Hempel) did very well at SHS as did David (see his story below). And thus history was changed because of a line on a map!

Emile Rimington died in 1991, and Barbara subsequently married Warren Acuff in 2007. They live in Plattsmouth, Nebraska and enjoy visiting with Barbara's 13 grandchildren, including Dave's triplets in New York. Barbara's other 10 grandchildren (plus five great-grandchildren) all live in the Omaha area. The SHS connection continues since Warren Acuff's three sons are Packer alumni - and they have four children and seven grandchildren, including a set of twins! Just imagine the fun at their family gatherings!

What a wonderful bonus Omaha received when this courageous woman decided to call Omaha home!



AND THEN THE SON'S STORY – David Rimington-1978

As any sports buff knows, **Dave Rimington** attended SHS and was an All-City and All-State football center, leading the football team to a 7-2-1 record in his senior year as a 6'-3", 220 pound lineman. He was also an outstanding high school wrestler.

And as they say, the rest is history. Rimington always wanted to play for UNL and during his college years he went from a slow, practically skinny lineman to a fast, hole-opening machine -- cutting his 40-yard dash time from 5.35 to 5.05 from freshman to senior year. He increased his bench press from 340 pounds to 435 pounds, and was able to squat 650 pounds by the time he left Nebraska.

With his drive and determination, he was a two-time All-American at UNL, winning the 1981 and 1982 Outland Trophy, and the Lombardi Trophy twice. Few offensive linemen were as honored or decorated as he was. He was the Conference Player of the Year in 1982 and a three-time All-conference selection, finishing fifth in the 1982 Heisman Trophy voting. He was named as one of the 100 greatest college players of all time, and the Rimington Award, given to the nation's outstanding collegiate center, is

named in his honor. He is one of eleven Cornhuskers to have his number retired by the team.

Dave was selected in the first round of the 1983 NFL draft by the Cincinnati Bengals, where he played five seasons, leaving to play with the Philadelphia Eagles for two years before retiring at the end of the 1989 NFL season.

His excellence in the classroom was impressive also as he carried a 3.25 GPA in economics as two-time first-team Academic All-America, and a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete.

Since 1993, Rimington has served with the Boomer Esiason Foundation and has been President since 1995. Dave and Boomer played football together for the Cincinnati Bengals. Before joining the Foundation, he was a graduate assistant football coach at the University of Wisconsin, helping them win the Big 10 Championship and their first Rose Bowl Championship ever. In 1992 he earned his Master's Degree in International Business at the University of Wisconsin, and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma National Honorary Business Fraternity.

Dave was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame - 1997; South High School Sports Greats Hall of Fame - 1997; Co-SIDA's Academic All America Hall of Fame - 2004; and the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame - 2007.

Dave and his wife, Lisa, and their three triplets (boys Chase and Shawn and girl Sienna) reside in New York City.

*We are proud to claim **David B. Rimington** as one of our own!*

WE SALUTE THE HURT FAMILY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

In response to our request for information about families serving our country, we recognize the **Hurt Family** for their outstanding service to our county. **H. Ed** served in the Army in WWII and the Korean War; **Kenneth D.** (Army)-**SHS 1963**, **Roger D.** and **Ronald D.** (both Navy) served in Vietnam. **Linda** and her mother **Dorothy M. Riha Hurt-SHS 1938** both served on the home front with the Red Cross. **Mark A.** (Air Force) and **Ryan** (Marines) served in the Iraq War. *Thank you for your patriotism and willingness to serve the United States of America.*

BOARD REPORT

by Judi Koubsky
Secretary



We are so encouraged and grateful for your response to our plea for help to continue your Alumni Association's high level of support for SHS, teachers, students and athletes. We received many new memberships – both life and booster, and many postage payments so we can continue to mail the TOOTER to our entire Alumni database for now. THANK YOU!

The next few months will be busy ones as four of our six yearly activities will be held. Our **spaghetti dinner** and **bowling tournament** will be held on April 5. We will have our very first **garage sale** in the office parking lot on May 3. The **2008 Poker Fun Run** is scheduled for May 17. The 70s Decade Committee will have a **Reunion Dance for all 1970 to 1979 SHS alumni** on July 18. (You may remember that the 60s Decade Dance sold out very quickly and we expect a complete sell out for this event too. Make your reservations right away if you want to attend, and encourage your classmates to do the same. We were sorry to turn away alumni for the 60s Dance and had quite a waiting list hoping for cancellations.) Save July 20 for the **Golf Tournament** and October 30 for our first ever major **fundraiser dinner "Tie One On"** which will be held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Center. Read this **TOOTER** for more details.

If you have time to volunteer for any of these events, or want to buy tickets or sign up to participate, please let us know. We need workers for each event and we need you to attend and have fun. If you have garage sale items (especially any antique items) please bring them to the Alumni office any time after April 14 so we can tag and arrange the tables. We will have an antique expert appraise your antique donations and provide a receipt for all goods donated – antiques, furniture, household and seasonal items, etc. We will not sell any clothing items, but will accept anything else you care to donate. Do your spring cleaning early and bring your "treasures" to the office so we can raise money for scholarships. And then come for the delicious food we'll have for sale, and bring home some new stuff.

An update on the improvement of the sports facilities in South Omaha: **Brown Park** was dedicated on 7-4-07 and is being used for boys baseball practice and games; the **Roy Smith Softball Field** was also finished and dedicated 10-23-07 and the SHS girls softball team uses it for practice and games; **Collin Field** construction will start in March this year and hopefully will be completed by August 2009. Such exciting times for sports at SHS!

Several of you have rented our additional office space for showers, family reunions, card parties, birthday parties, etc. Call the office to book your party early. Stop by to see the space when you are in the neighborhood, but call first to be sure the office is open.

Again, if you can help us mail future TOOTERS to our 19,000 plus alumni list, please call the office to offer any time you can spare. Please consider establishing scholarship memorials for your classmates, helping us with teacher grants, and providing other financial assistance needed by your school. We are so grateful for your help.

We'd like to publish news about you so send in your AlumNotes information to share with your classmates and friends. Please continue to share your ideas, energy and encouragement with your Alumni Association. We can't do it without you.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Limas Koubsky
Judi Limas Koubsky, Secretary



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SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

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.

WELCOME TO OUR THREE NEW SHSAA BOARD MEMBERS:



Lisa Ray Caveny-1987 attended Edison Elementary in Council Bluffs, King 9th Grade Center for Junior High and then SHS. She worked for American Family Insurance for more than 13 years, and

now works for State Farm Insurance. She has two children.



Debbie Moody Contreras-1977 attended Robbins Elementary, Norris Junior High and then SHS. She worked in the Advertising Department of the OW-H; as a para-professional and Nurses

Aide at Hickory Hill Elementary School; as a Dental Assistant to Drs. Fred Tafoya and Brad Carson; as Elementary School Secretary for Blumfield Elementary; as Executive Assistant to Midwest International Trade Association; and as Dental Assistant and Office Manager for Drs. Tafoya and Carson. She currently baby sits her granddaughter. She is married to **Michael T. -1975** and they have three daughters and one granddaughter



Jodi Lokken Kava-1975. Jodi is the Human Resource Manager for the OW-H. She attended St. Ann's, Washington, and Holy Cross Elementary Schools, Norris Jr. High and SHS. Jodi and her

husband, **Charlie-1974**, have three children and one grandchild. Jodi also worked at Pitney Bowes/PSI Group and ConAgra. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the College of Saint Mary with a BSBA degree, and is currently pursuing her MBA from UNO. Jodi's interests include travel, movies, photography, skydiving and volunteer work.

We welcome each of you to the Board and look forward to working with you for your school.

WELCOME TO SUSAN GOUGER, PART-TIME OFFICE STAFF ADDITION

Susan has a B.S. in Business from UNO, and has taught gymnastics for OPS; worked at both Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and Coopers & Lybrand certified public



accounting firm; and most recently as a Physician's Administrative Assistant for Dr. John McLeay. She serves on the St. James/Seton School Board of Education and coordinates Sunday school for St. Elizabeth Ann. Susan attended Robert Gilder Elementary School and Bryan Jr. and Sr. High Schools. *Welcome to the Alumni office, Susan!*

RENT A PARTY ROOM

Don't try to cram tons of people into your home for baby and wedding showers, birthday celebrations, family reunions, card parties, receptions, meetings, etc. Rent the lovely new office bay next to the SHSAA office at **5080 South 107 Street** (off 108 and Q Street) for only \$50 for three hours for your festivities. (\$20/hour extra for more than three hours.) Refrigerator, table and chairs, and handicap accessible restroom provided. Occupancy limit is 50. Contact the Alumni office for more information or to schedule your event.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS!

Due to space limitations, we have posted the names of all of our Donors, Lifetime and Booster Memberships and Postage Payments on our website. Thank you to each and every one of you!

GRANDMA WEARS COMBAT BOOTS

By Marilyn M. Thompson-1961

March 2006 was a turning point in my 38 plus years of federal civil service. I applied for and was accepted as the Public Affairs/Protocol Officer for the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade in Balad, Iraq and was deployed to Iraq on April 9. As

excited as I was to be accepted, I had one reservation. My husband, Carl Ballinger, a retired Army Sergeant Major, didn't know I had applied for or gotten the job. His reaction was not a happy one. With his previous background, he felt it was his place to go to war – not mine. We worked through it with advice coming from him on all levels. First, I should always be surrounded by war fighters carrying weapons; second, never allow those war fighters to give me a weapon; and third, never go outside the "wire." He was still giving me those directions as I headed down the departure ramp at the Colorado Springs airport heading for Ft. Bliss, TX.

Before I left for Iraq, I got shot in the arm (with a needle) several times and was checked physically, mentally, and dentally. I learned how to go through an area watching for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The "IEDs" contained talcum powder, and our group looked rather ghostly upon completion because when they went off, talcum powder sprayed everywhere. I learned how to pack the issued items - uniforms, helmet, vest, metal coffee cup, tent, and many other items into three duffel bags in 15 minutes or less. No small task, I assure you.

A week later our group of about 250 war fighters, Dept. of the Army civilians, and contractors ate a hearty steak dinner at 11 p.m. and boarded our flight headed for Iraq. First stop was Bangor, Maine, at 3 a.m., where our group was greeted with applause as we came into the airport. I still get chills thinking about it. Next stop, Germany, and then to Ali Salem, Kuwait, commonly referred to as the "sand box."

At Ali Salem, I put on my helmet and ceramic protective vest and boarded the plane for Camp Anaconda (a U.S. installation) located near Balad, Iraq, along the Tigris River and about 40 miles north and a little west of Baghdad. This was my home for the next six months. I lived in a CHU, (containerized housing unit), about 10' wide and 15' long with a bathroom complete with shower between my side and the other side. I had a twin bed, desk, chair, small refrigerator, and two lockers. It was air conditioned and very comfortable.

I reported to my job where I worked 12 hours a day every day for six months. Most often I ended up working 14 to 16 hours a day. The commander was Col. John (Jack) O'Connor, the finest officer I worked for during my entire civil service career. He

worked 20 hours a day every day for an entire year.

My duties as the Public Affairs Officer were to escort media, write articles, edit, take photographs for, and publish a monthly newsletter. My duties as the Protocol Officer were to coordinate visits, develop itineraries, and escort visitors around the footprint of the 402nd. The visitors were high level - Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Air Force, Congressmen, Senators, and many others. After I had been doing that for about three weeks, the Colonel's Executive Assistant took a position in Baghdad and I volunteered to be his Executive Assistant as well. Those jobs kept me busy and engaged, but that was okay with me. I would not have had it any other way.

My husband's cautions aside, I did "go outside the wire" on a mission with a group of war fighters finishing their training on the Armored Security Vehicle (ASV) so I could write a newsletter article first-hand and take pictures of the mission. I attended safety briefings for the "live fire" at Range Hawaii (one of Saddam Hussein's old palaces about 35 miles from Camp). At the conclusion of their week-long training, we drove through the heavily secured gates at about 5 p.m. and into "Iraqi civilian" territory. I had mixed emotions - and was both excited and scared. My three war fighters, ages 19, 20, and 21, were committed and dedicated young men. They were enthusiastic about completing their training and performing well during live-fire. It was an incredible experience to watch, hear and feel the 50mm weapons being fired by eight of the ASVs. Our convoy returned at midnight and the ride back to Camp was more sobering during the dark than during daylight. I sat in the back and prayed we did not hit any IEDs that night as had many of the convoys in the past. Driving through the heavily guarded U.S. Army gate, I breathed a sigh of relief.

The camaraderie I experienced with everyone I met is something I will always remember. It was instant and maintained even after I returned to the States. The people I served with and for during my six months in Iraq, will be in my heart forever.

Editor's comment: And thank you for your sacrifices and service to help our mission in Iraq!

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. It costs us \$.83 for your new address each time one of you moves and do not notify us.

Also, please send ALL information updates, clothing orders, membership payments, donations, archival contributions, inquiries and all other correspondence to:

Dr. Richard Gulizia - SHS Alumni Association Office - 5082 S. 107 Street - Omaha, NE 68127 Or Call 402-738-9493



1924-Helen Menshik Moore is the granddaughter of immigrants like so many of us. At 102 years young, she is the longest living SHS alumnus on record.

Helen grew up across the street from Joe Tess Restaurant and walked to school daily through the bustling South Omaha business community. Weather permitting, Helen and friends enjoyed their sack lunches outdoors on the SHS lawn. Helen would love to hear from other alumni. *You can send her a card or note at Huntington Park Care - 1507 Gold Coast Road - Papillion, NE 68046.*

1930-Dorothy Long Mikovec celebrated her 95th birthday in Mason City, IA. She is in good health and continues to be very active. *Come to see us if you are in Omaha and congratulations on your 95th birthday - what a milestone!*

1933-Helen Sanduski Coulter's daughter, Theresa, sent her mother's membership payment and reported that Helen is currently in

a nursing home and until last year could still sing the SHS Fight Song and play it on the piano. She said that SHS is still very much in her heart. *Thank you for keeping us updated and for the membership payment!*

1937-Truex N. Upchurch donated SHS Yearbooks for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927. These yearbooks were property of **Wilma Upchurch-1926**. *Thank you so much, they are invaluable historically!*

1938-Joseph T. Pecha was an honoree in Nebraska-Iowa Baseball Association this past summer. *A good recognition for a South Omaha Boy!*

1938-Helen F. Galda Jasa writes that her previous "Life membership" lasted twelve years. Since she expects to live at least another twelve years, she felt she should extend the membership with another \$100 Life dues payment. *What a wonderful positive attitude and we thank you so much!*

1939-Harry L. Sandberg wife, Jeanette, wrote that Harry was very active in many of SHSs organizations and was always proud of his school. Jeanette sent in two copies of old SHS TOOTERS which date back to 1939. *Thank you Jeanette and we're sorry to have lost Harry in November.*



1942-John K. and Loretta Fucinaro Gomez were united in marriage on 11-15-42 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Omaha. They celebrated their 65th anniversary at a reception at DAV

Social Hall which was hosted by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. John served in WWII under General Patton's Third Army and later worked for Swift & Co., retiring in 1984. He is a charter member of the Edward "Babe" Gomez Chapter of the Forum and has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 50 years. John and Loretta have

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belonged to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for more than 60 years and were honored during the Church's 2007 Fiesta. Picture shows John and Loretta Gomez at the anniversary celebration. *Congratulations on your special anniversary!*



1942 and 1943-Ken Herman sent us this picture of the group attending the SOB luncheon at the Old Bohemian Café on 8-20-07. Pictured left to right: Front row- **John Gomez, Louise Zarbano, Dr. S.A. "Subby" Zarbano**; Second Row-**Larry Gomez, Jean Veneck, Pauline Campagna**; Third Row-**Dorothy Hanek, Margaret Herman, Ethel Schmidt, Joe Campagna, Marge Connell**; Back Row-**Fred Hanak, Ken Herman, Francis Swircinski, Rich Nick, Ed Kucirek, Bob Horak, Charles Broderick, Dick Connell**. This group meets monthly for lunch at various restaurants. *This is a great fun way to keep up those valuable school ties!*



1949-Morton "Mort" Stelling is a member of the Tenor Section of the Seattle Symphony Choral for the 2007-2008 seasons. He has been a member since 2000 but auditions are held every two years in a very competitive process. Mort said he sang a song he fell in love with 60 years ago as a member of the SHS A Cappella Choir, "To the Evening Star" from Wagner's opera "Tannhauser." He said he is indebted to SHS and its choir teacher, Mabel Shipherd, for making this thrilling experience possible. This photo was taken in Benaroya Hall by the Seattle Symphony. *Congratulations on your success!*

1951-James S. Gabriel sent in his membership dues and wrote that he looks forward to receiving the TOOTER. He has attended his 25th, 50th and 55th class reunions and enjoys visiting with his classmates each time. Jim served as President of the January class while in school. *Thank you for your nice comment!*

1951-James and Betty Mruz Ripa were married at St. Bridget's Catholic Church on 11-18-57. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. James is retired from Plumbers Local Union No. 16. Betty is retired from Omaha Steaks. Their family wrote "Thanks for giving us your love and support, and for instilling us with family values." *Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary!*

1952-Robert and Grace Williams-1956 Kosiski were married on 3-2-57. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on March 4, 2007 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church Parish Hall, hosted by their children and their spouses. They have 19 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three foster grandchildren. Robert retired from Joe's Repair Service, Inc. and Kosiski Auto Parts, Inc. Grace was employed by Kosiski Auto Parts. They have been members of Holy Ghost parish for 53 years. Bob belongs to the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame. *Congratulations on your special anniversary!*

1953-Gal Pals Luncheon. The gals from the 1953 class meet at noon on the second Thursday of each month for lunch in the back room of the Summer Kitchen at 7855 S. 83 Street in LaVista. Join them for food, fun and fellowship. Call Vickie Urzendowski Korisko at 291-8463 if you have any questions. *In the last TOOTER we incorrectly said they meet on Tuesdays and we apologize for our error. Have fun!*

1959-Judy Henggeler Spohr received a 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Nebraska at Kearney on October 5, 2007 at the school's Homecoming Alumni Banquet. She is a retired elementary teacher who spent 37 years in the East Los Angeles Public School District. She was recognized as a Master Teacher and was the first non-Hispanic to win the Cesar Chavez Lifetime Achievement Award for her contribution to the children of Los Angeles. She won the Apple Award for United Teachers Los Angeles as one of the top 20 teachers in the district, and was twice nominated for the LA Music Center's BRAVO Award for her contributions to the fine arts program. She was president of UNK Alumni Association in 1999 and served two terms as president of the Southern California Alumni Association. She has supported scholarship programs, the Gold Torch Mentoring

Program, Foster Field Improvements and the Southern California Endowment, designed for student scholarships and the library. Since retiring she serves as a consultant and manages her real estate properties in the Burbank/Glendale area. *Congratulations, Judy!*

1960-Rudy Tesar received the Sam J. Howell Memorial Award in 2006 at the annual Douglas County Democratic Party Harry S. Truman Dinner. *Belated congratulations, Rudy!*

1961-Lois Groves Ernce hosted a Christmas holiday party for classmates at her home. Potluck dishes including ethnic foods made the gathering a real South Omaha celebration. *What fun!*

1961-Vic Riha & 1964-Beverly Forman Riha were mentioned in a December *OW-H* article listing reader's recommendations for viewing holiday lights. The Rihas have about 12,000 mini lights adorning their yard in Bellevue for the holidays. The decorations include snowmen, a reindeer pulling an iron-wheeled wagon, and a forest scene complete with a waterfall and deer. They have been decorating their yard for 25 years and begin the process every October. *A truly spectacular display for all generations!*

1969-Henry Schultz was recognized in the 10-20-07 *OW-H* for being a member of the American Red Cross First Aid Team during the half time ceremonies at the Nebraska-Iowa State Football game on 9-29-07. He has been a volunteer for 35 years and a First Aid Team member for over 20 years, missing fewer than five Husker games during that time. He received an honorary game ball from Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers and Valerie Callahan, Coach Bill Callahan's wife. *Congratulations and thank you for keeping the Husker game attendees safe and well.*



1970-Rick Robinson was spotlighted in Mike Kelly's *OW-H* column after he came to the aid of an injured police officer, asked for the officer's handcuffs to make a citizen's arrest, and called for help on the cruiser's radio on 3-30-07. A drunken driver struck the police officer's cruiser pushing him into the opposite lane, up an embank-

ment and into a pole. Rick received a Citizen's Commendation Award from the Omaha Police Department for his able assistance. Robinson served 23 years in the Army Reserve including a nine-month stint in Operation Dessert Storm, and has worked part-time as a security officer in addition to serving as a veterinary research technician at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. *Congratulations for your heroism and thank you for helping the officer!*

1989-Steve Andersen received the "Chair Award" at the annual Douglas County Democratic Party Harry S. Truman Dinner this year. During the presentation, Steve was identified as a SHS alumnus. *Congratulations, Steve!*

1979-Joe Forman and Jeff Koterba are both graduates of SHS who worked on the **SHS TOOTER** during their high school years. Joe is currently with the *Glenwood Tribune* and Jeff is the editorial cartoonist for the *OW-H*. *Two young men whose high school path directed them toward a news career -- what a tribute to SHS!*

South High School **ALUMNI TOOTER**

1991-Daniella Flanaga Hamon and Stace Hamon sent an announcement of the birth of Javan Austin Cole Hamon on 5-3-07 in Mission Viejo, CA. *Congratulations!*

CALL OUT TO PACKER BAND MEMBERS!

Time to dust off your instruments because we are looking for alumni interested in getting back in the groove and performing once more as a Packer Band. We would like to get a small group together to perform at various events and participate in activities with the SHS band. If interested, please call **Shawn Nelson-1994** at 502-7453 or **Cassandra Nelson-2005** at 690-0066. Let's show everyone that we've still got that groove and Packer Spirit!

Take a moment to nominate a candidate for the Hall of Fame.

SHS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information

Name _____ Graduation Year _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 E-Mail Address _____

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

Nominator's Information

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 E-Mail Address _____

Please return completed form by June 1, 2008 to:

Hall of Fame Committee
 South High School
 4519 South 24th Street
 Omaha, NE 68107

South High School established the Hall of Fame to honor outstanding alumni and community leaders who have made significant contributions to South High School. Alumni must have attended SHS at least 20 years prior to nomination.

MEMORIALS GIVEN

Memorials were given in honor and memory of:

- Alice Joanness Anderson-1947 from Denny and Judi Clark Koubsky-1961.
- Edna Stern from Denny and Judi Clark Koubsky-1961.
- Bob Kracher, Sr. from Denny and Judi Clark Koubsky-1961.
- Sylvia Salistean "Skip" Josephs-1940 from Betty Drapalik Salistean-1942.
- Shane Kielion-1999 from Robert Jacobsen-1970.
- George H. Lind from Virginia M. Buterbaugh.
- Lillian Homic from Julie Vomacka Dunn-1961.
- Patsy Nielsen Aus-1965 from The Riha Families.
- John J. "Jack" Newell from Cindy Antoniak Dougherty-1973.
- Richard Slizinski-1965 from sister Donna Slizinski Bowdish-1963.
- Anne Lienemann Hague-1957 from Rosemary Macrander Robertson-1957.
- My beloved brother Douglas S. Arthur-1944 from Lorraine Arthur Coxwell-1939.
- Dear friend and fellow graduate Jeanne Jones Clark-1939 from Lorraine Arthur Coxwell-1939.
- Dear friend and fellow graduate Olga Lohman White-1939 from Lorraine Arthur Coxwell-1939.
- Dear friend and fellow graduate Eli Vukas-1939 from Lorraine Arthur Coxwell-1939.
- Don "Bus" Moran-1937 from Dennis-1963 and Janet Sherlock Moran-1976.
- Kelley E. Bolton-1968 from Barb Bolton Mohr-1963.
- My wife Hertha B. Patrick Horak-1951 from Charles J. Horak.
- Mearl Jean Kielion-1966 from Julie T. Riha Diehm-1966.
- Frank Liska-1943 from Vic-1961 and Beverly Forman Riha-1964.
- Mearl Jean Kielion-1966 from Vic-1961 and Beverly Forman Riha-1964.
- Eugene W. Shoehigh-1941 from Jason C. Shoehigh.
- Judy Whitney Kurtz-1961 from her cousin, Frank Vondra-1969.
- Joan Faiman Bauerkemper-1958 from friends, Frank-1969 and Linda Vondra.
- Charles Lastovica-1960 from classmate Karen Richter Svoboda-1960.

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Marvin D. Struthers-1948 from Betty L. Struthers.

Merle J. Stebbins-1969 from Tony Gevo-1969.

Dolores Bastian Galda-1938 from Marty Hebert-1971.

James R. Stastny-1954 from Steven J. Stastny-1980.

Rudolph Drabek-1937 from wife Louise Hoffman Drabek-1939.

Linda L. Underwood O'Bryan-1965 from sister Susie Underwood Ellis-1968.

Herman Spencer from Kay Spencer.
William Poppen, Sr. from Ed-1965 and
Julie Riha Diehm-1966.

IN MEMORIAM

His Journey's Just Begun by Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away
- his journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets;
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting from the
sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.
Think how he must be wishing that we
could know today,
How nothing but our sadness can
really pass away.
And think of him as living in the
hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost-and he
was loved so much!

IN MEMORIAM

1931-Evelyn A. (Pospishil) Covalciuc of Bellevue, NE died 8-07.

1931-Augusta (Kulawik) Grzebielsky of Omaha, NE died 5-93.

1932-George H. Lind of Tucson, AZ formerly of South Omaha died 9-9-07. He was known in the area of 53rd & Jackson as the "Mayor of 53rd Street." He was a City of Omaha employee, a real estate owner and 1932 SHS Class Reunion Committee member.

1932-Marvin Osborn of Tucson, AZ died 8-17-07.

1932-Alice (Nepodal) Macaites of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1933-Catherine (Cook) Anderson of Beatrice, NE died in 2007.

1933-John Ohnesorg, Jr. of Sidney, NE died.

1934-Richard "Dick" Brennan died 5-05.

1934-Leo A. Mayhan died 11-16-07. Leo was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in WWII European Theater.

1934-Joseph W. Weiss Jr. died in 2007. He was a member of the DAV and South Omaha American Legion Post #331.

1935-Joseph F. Ciurej of Waterloo, NE died in 10-07.

1935-Marie (Prokupek) Faur of Bellevue, NE died in 2005.

1935-George Sabacky of Oklahoma City, OK died in 2007.

1935-Henrietta (Karlik) Stoupa died 9-15-93

1936-Mary E. (Walsh) Cockson of York, NE died 10-6-07.

1936-Joseph G. Guzic of Omaha, NE died 8-7-07.

1936-Fred A. "Fritz" Hoffman of Omaha, NE died 11-07.

1936-Gertrude M. (Kuechenoff) Micek died 8-07. She was a long-time resident of South Omaha and Bellevue.

1936-Clara M. (Brasch) Olsen died 11-07.

1936-Rose Mary Savich died 3-06.

1937-Rudy Drabek died 3-26-07.

1937-Jayne E. (Croft) Eades of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1937-Robert L. Newton of Omaha, NE died 12-28-07.

1937-Mildred (Tess) Puster of Rogers, Arkansas died 9-8-07.

1937-Floretta (Record) Sullwold of Elm Creek and Kearney, NE areas died 8-27-07.

1938-Albert Benson of Omaha, NE died 10-29-07.

1938-Clara H. (Tritten) Carpenter of Farragut, IA died 12-18-07.

1938-Dolores (Bastian) Galda died 9-3-07 She was a long-time owner of the Pet Shop at 16th & Martha Streets and was preceded in death by husband **Stan Galda-1937.**

1938-Betty Koll died 5-06.

1938-Dorothy M. (Lupomec) Murphy died 6-07. She is survived by husband, **Jack-1938.**

1938-Brother Andrew Sorensen (aka John "Jack" Sorensen) of Mount Michael's Benedictine Abbey in Elkhorn died 11-3-07 at age 86. He was a talented carpenter and crafted many desks, podiums, and bunk beds while living the monastic life at the Abbey. He also was the groundskeeper, and raised and sold Christmas trees. After serving as a Marine during WWII, he became a draftsman for 15 years until he felt the call to life at the Abbey, pronouncing his perpetual vows in 1965.

1939-Harold Givens of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1939-Mabel (Will) Maslowski of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1939-Harry L. Sandberg died 11-30-07 at home in Santa Rosa. He taught at Iowa State University before working in the aerospace industry in WWII. He became a Director of Research and wrote many scientific articles, photographic rectification and image scanning. Harry worked 20 years for the Los Angeles Water & Power Company retiring in 1989. He loved literature and the arts.

1939-Charles G. "Chuck" Soula died 8-07.

1940-Charles W. Sneed of Ralston died 11-07. He was laid to rest in Oregon City, OR.

1940-Dorothy (Ryznar) Szyniszewski of Ann Arbor, MI died 2-1-07.

1941-Mary Ann (Savich) Benish of Bellevue, NE died in 2003.

1941-Walter A. Greene of Eldon, Missouri died 10-10-05.

1941-Chris Gugas died 10-20-07 of congestive heart failure in Fairfax, VA at age 86. He worked for the CIA and started Professional Security Consultants, appearing on the Art Linkletter television show to find the heirs to fortunes. He was one of the leaders in the lie detector testing field, conducting more than 40,000 polygraphs including James Earl Ray who killed Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. He demonstrated an early polygraph machine on the Groucho Marx television show.

1941-Anna G. Moustakes of Omaha, NE died 12-22-07.

1941-Myra (Amidon) Mills died 10-17-07.

1941-Lillian B. Poulicek died 8-19-07.

1941-Helen (Clarke) Overgaard of Omaha, NE died 5-07.

1941-Eugene W. Shoehigh of Nebraska City, NE died 6-20-05.

1942-Patricia Marie (Sutej) Jacobberger of Valley, NE died 9-17-07.

1942-Mary C. (Kramolisch) Jaksich of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1942-Milton E. Johnson of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1942-Robert S. Mixan of Papillion, NE died 7-07.

1942-Sylvia (Salistean) Josephs of Elmhurst, IL died 7-25-07.

1943-Dorie E. (Harvat) Eilts died of colon cancer in Fresno, California 3-9-07.

1943-Stanley D. Galas of Cedar Creek, NE died in 2007.

1943-Alice (Andriik) Nowak of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1943-Mary F. (Connelly) Rushing of Omaha NE died 12-07.

1943-Lillian Savich died 1-07.
 1943-Hal G. Shoemaker of Omaha, NE died 12-07. He was the founder and President of Midwest Photo Company, Inc.
 1944-June (Kiefer) Ewin of Camp Verde, AZ died in 2007.
 1944-D. Phyllis (Spry) Stanley of Ralston, NE died 8-21-07.
 1944-Ardene (Steil) Wright of Stanton, NE died 11-07.
 1944-Leroy A. Young died.
 1944-Mary Jane (Johnson) Bowman from Paris, Texas died 10-07.
 1944-Delores "Dee" (Kozol) Christensen of Omaha, NE died in 2007.
 1944-Deloris (Lory) Pinkes Mangiamele died from complications associated with lung cancer in San Luis Rey, CA 6-2-07.
 1944-Mary Jane (Mendola) Noble of San Diego, CA died in 2005.
 1944-Donald G. Price of Omaha, NE died 10-2-07.
 1944-Paul W. Spencer died 11-20-07. He lived most of his life in Omaha. He was a Navy veteran of WWII and retired from the U.S. Post Office.
 1944-Margaret F. (Baga) Vega died in Omaha 11-07.
 1946-Jean E. (Williams) Doll of Crescent, IA formerly of Papillion, NE died 12-16-07.
 1946-Alfred E. Sawatzki died 11-4-07.
 1946-Betty (Watson) Shiffer died 3-22-07.
 1947-Alice (Joaness) Anderson of Ashland, NE died of lung cancer 12-13-07. Alice was the mother of Astronaut Clayton Anderson and was featured in the Fall 2007 TOOTER.
 1947-Edna Mae (Will) Hawkinson died 5-3-07
 1947-James C. Krin died 12-29-07. He was a member of American Legion Post #331 and original owner of Jim's Center Gyros.
 1947-Neil Larsen died 12-3-07 in Lawrenceville, GA at age 77. He was an accountant for 50 years in upper management. He worked in the Greater Atlanta area in the real estate and trucking industries.
 1947-Theresa Saitta died 11-07
 1948-Ward W. Martin of Mishawka, IN died 12-26-06.
 1948-Marvin D. Struthers of Grand Island, NE died 8-8-07. He served in the Navy after graduating, and was employed by Ruser Feedlots and Sperry New Holland, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Beehive Masonic Lodge.
 1948-Richard "Rich" Yost, Sr. of Elkhorn, NE died in 2007.

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1949-Richard C. Dusek of Redwood City, CA died in 2007.
 1949-Marianne (Ort) Lindley of Council Bluffs, IA died 1-06.
 1950-Betty J. (Walters) Muellner died 11-06.
 1951-Roy E. "Jonesy" Jones of La Vista, NE died in 2007.
 1951-Calvin G. Negus of Omaha NE died 12-20-07.
 1951-Bill Thompson (aka Bill the Barber) died 11-15-07 of a heart attack. He served in the 52nd Army Brigade in New Jersey for two years, and played catcher for a minor league baseball team in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization before his stint in the service and when he returned. He worked as a barber for over 50 years at his shop on South 20th Street, but cut back at age 74 to working only half a day from 5 to 11 a.m., but never retired.
 1951-Gail A. Knudsen of Rosewell, GA died 6-13-07 after a long illness with Alzheimers. Gail was married to Barb (Sterba) Knudsen-1954 who survives him.
 1951-James R. Stastny died 1-11-07. He was a PFC in the US Army 1957-1958, and worked for White Motor Corp. 1960-1975 and Omaha Truck Center 1975-2000.
 1951-George H. Young of El Dorado Springs, MO died 10-1-07.
 1953-Albert J. Shukis, Sr. died 11-9-07.
 1954-Carmine A. Barone died in Omaha, NE 11-3-07.
 1955-Dorothy M. (Horen) Bird of Omaha, NE died 11-07.
 1955-Lucian A. "Lou" Flott of Bellevue, NE died 10-07.
 1956-Rose (Messany) Albright of Omaha, NE died 8-29-07.
 1956-Ronald J. Cuevas of Omaha, NE died 9-21-07.
 1956-Bob D. Push died 12-07.
 1956-Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Wright of Glenwood, IA died 11-06.
 1957-William C. "Bill" Cvitak of Stockton, MO died 10-4-07. He served in the Navy from 1957 to 1960 and was assigned to the U.S.S. Helena. Bill enjoyed fishing with family and friends at Lake Stockton.
 1957-Connie (Hohenhouse) Dudley of Omaha, NE died.
 1957-Jerome Green of Haven, MI died August 2000.
 1957-James Jershin of Warsaw, MO died in 2007.
 1959-Henry "Hank" Balters died 12-1-07 at the age of 66 from a lung ailment. He was a Lincoln mental health care practitioner. He had been named the Nebraska

Psychological Association's "Psychologist of the Year."
 1959-Paul Pacaj of Omaha, NE died of a stroke on 8-13-07.
 1960-Charles J. Lastovica of Omaha, NE died 11-2-07.
 1960-James Richecky died in 2007. He worked at Pressroom Cleaners until his death.
 1961-Kenneth J. Stewart of Union, NE died in 2007. He was a member of FOE #154.
 1961-George Windels of Omaha, NE died in 2007.
 1962-Richard R. Rieser died in 2007.
 1963-J. Bentlage of Omaha, NE died 9-10-07
 1963-Dolores (Kuthan) Reitan of Omaha, NE died in 12-06.
 1963-Dave Rak of Omaha died 1-08 after suffering a heart attack while he was hunting.
 1965-Patty (Nielsen) Aus died 8-26-07.
 1965-Richard Wesley Lee of Omaha, NE died 2-24-07.
 1965-Steven L. Skocz died of complications from surgery 10-20-07.
 1965-Richard D. Slizinski of Papillion, NE died 7-6-05. He was a Vietnam Army veteran, and was given the Charles Langgle Award in 4-01 for outstanding performance at Omaha VA Day hospital
 1965-Robert Woitaszewski of Litchfield Park, AZ died 1-8-07 of congestive heart failure.
 1966-Jerry J. Glup of Tekamah, NE died 9-07.
 1966-Michael R. Schwarte died 10-25-07 after a two-year battle with cancer. He was proud to be a SHS Packer and frequently attended SHSAA 's spaghetti dinners. He was a Construction Superintendent for many years.
 1966-Harvey "Jim" Stanton of Omaha died 9-2-07. He was a husband, father and grandfather.
 1967-Joseph L. Cavalieri of Bellevue, NE died 9-30-07.
 1969-Merle J. Stebbins died 9-07. He was a great booster of SHS. His recent accomplishments include leading his Union into new orientation tolerance and in creating the Bill Clinton Center for Ethics.
 1969-Bob M. Walter of Omaha, NE died in 2007.
 1971-Tim J. Mach of Ralston, NE died 12-07.
 1973-Bonnie (Williams) Fowler of Omaha, NE died in 2006.
 1973-Dennis J. Kennedy, Sr. of Omaha, NE died in 2007.

1974-Joy A. Blanchard of Omaha, NE died 11-07.

1974-Denise M. (Rosenthal) Stein of Omaha, NE died 8-13-07 after a lengthy battle against breast cancer.

1977-LaVonne (Barfield) Brown of Lithonia, GA died 9-9-07.

1981-Patrick D. Cody of Ft. Calhoun, NE died 10-07.

1985-Terrence E. Roark died 12-7-07 from complications from a heart infection.

1995-John P. Swendroski of Omaha, NE died 8-07.

2002-Nicholas Arnold of Greenwood, NE died in 2007.

CORRECTION: We apologize for listing a memorial in the **Fall 2007 TOOTER** in memory of **Joseph Algya** from **Lil Dworak** (which should have read **Dvorak**) **Ogden-1941**. We are so sorry for our error.

Also, we reported that **Herbert Cossano-1948** died, whereas he is alive and well as reported by **Mary Sykora**, his sister. Mary stated that it was their father, **Herbert Cossano**, age 98, who died. We apologize for our error and offer condolences to **Herbert** and **Mary** on the loss of their father.

IN MEMORIAM FOR PACKER TEACHERS/ FRIENDS/SUPPORTERS

Teacher-Dr. Robert Shuman Brown died 7-07. He began his teaching career at SHS in 1935 and served as a teacher and administrator for 40 years in the Omaha Public Schools. He was also a principal at the first junior high in Omaha and later the founding principal of Harry A. Burke High School. He had been honored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha as "Alumnus of the Year."

Teacher-Joseph C. Corey died 4-8-07 of pancreatic cancer in Omaha. He taught Industrial Arts at SHS in the 1950s and at Horace Mann School in the 1960s. He later served as assistant principal at Horace Mann Middle School and McMillan Magnet Center. Corey enjoyed traveling and visited Indonesia, Africa, South America, France, Bali, Germany, Israel and Egypt.

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SHS Arts-Robert Hahn of Portales, New Mexico died 9-12-07. Robert built sets for the Omaha Ballet and for SHS theater productions. He worked for the Omaha Public Schools for 34 years as a math teacher, counselor, and stage set designer.

Supporter-Peter J. Hoagland died 10-30-07 at Georgetown University Hospital at age 65 after suffering from Parkinson's disease. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1989 to 1995 representing the Omaha area for three terms in Congress. He was a friend and staunch supporter of SHS.

WERE YOU BORN WITH A BASEBALL "MITT" IN YOUR HAND?

The Douglas County Historical Society sent us an interesting *OW-H* article about Brown Park, which was known as Omaha's baseball capital. Its arbitrary boundary went from S to Y, and 13th to 24th Streets, and was settled by Czechoslovakians and Bohemians. It was said if you were born in this area, you were born with a "mitt" in your hand. Life centered around work at the packing plants for the men, housewives gathering over kolaches and coffee in the afternoons after their chores were done, and children playing or watching baseball.

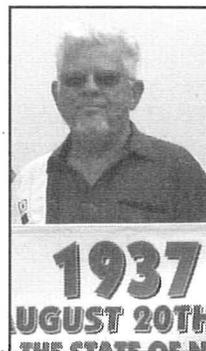
There are some differences of opinion about how the area got its name. One theory is that a farmer named John Brown owned the land and sold it to the immigrants. What do you know about it? Share your Brown Park stories with our readers.

JOHNNY GOODMAN WEEK

The city of Omaha proclaimed August 20 through August 26 as Johnny Goodman Week to honor Omaha's most famous golfer's win 70 years ago in the U.S. Amateur Open. A ceremony was held at the Goodman Golf Course attended by (left



to right) Mayor Mike Fahey, John Frillman, Bob Astleford, John Tomasiewicz, and Steve Cavlovic. Inset - John E. Goodman (great nephew of Johnny Goodman.)



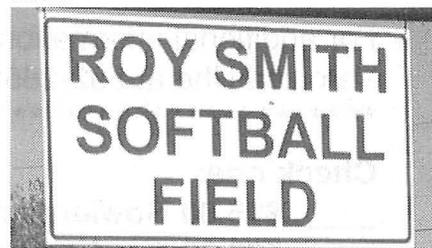
Goodman was the greatest amateur player in the world at the time, but never wanted to turn professional as he wanted to be home with his family and make a living in the insurance business. He said he considered golf "a game"... "not a business."

Banners were posted throughout local golf courses proclaiming Johnny Goodman week – *and what a fitting tribute to an outstanding South Omaha Boy who made good!*

DEDICATION OF ROY SMITH SOFTBALL FIELD



Roy Smith (center) is shown with the girls' softball team at the dedication of the Field on October 23, 2007. Thanks again, Mr. Smith, for all you have done for SHS athletics!



2008 CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AVAILABLE

Good news – for your convenience, your SHSAA is now accepting VISA or Master Charge credit card payments for your donations, membership payments, memorials, clothing orders, advertising, postage fee payments, registration fees, ticket purchases, etc.

Just call the office at 738-9493 to provide your credit card number, expiration date and billing address with the details of your payment. No need to search for an envelope or stamp to complete your SHSAA financial transactions!



13th ANNUAL BOWLING SHOOTOUT

Alumni and friends welcome

April 5, 2008

**Jackpot Shots • Door Prizes
Leopard Lanes • Bellevue, NE**

Sponsored by

Omaha South High Alumni Association

One session only: Check in 11:30 a.m. Start 12 Noon

Division prizes awarded based on number of bowlers

Complete information and return with check:

South High Alumni Association
5082 S. 107 Street
Omaha, NE 68127

For additional information call SHSAA at 738-9493 or
Veronica Uhe at 592-2850 Days or 917-7228 Evenings

Check one:

\$15.00 Bowlers / no average

\$20.00 Bowlers / average (2006 – 2008)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Phone # _____

E- Mail Address: _____ Average _____

Please include the names of your team members:

Thirteenth Annual

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 5, 2008

4:00 – 7:30 PM

**Sokol Hall South Omaha
21st & U Street**

Tickets \$7.50 per person

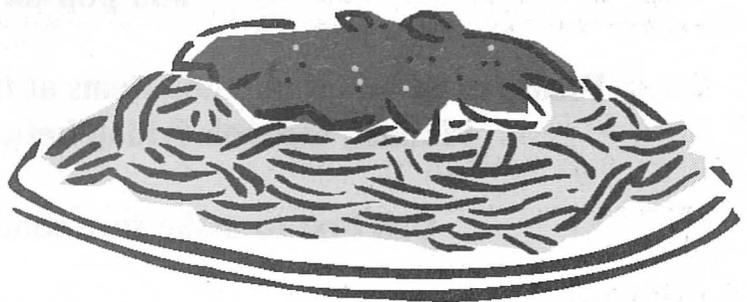
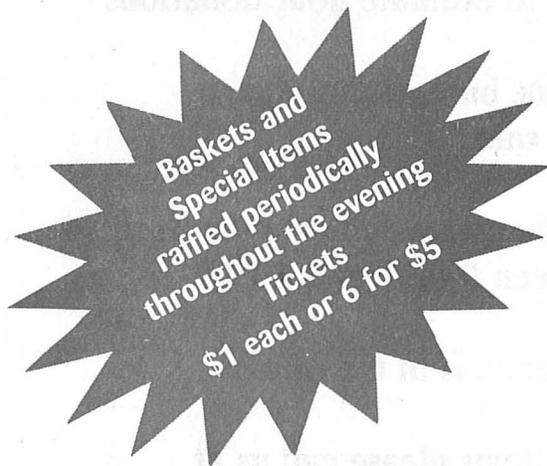
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South High Alumni Association

Price includes: Spaghetti & sauce, meatball, salad, bread, dessert and coffee.

Spaghetti Sauce donated by Sons of Italy

Pop, beer and other drinks
available at the cash bar



Carry Outs Available

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from
the Alumni Association office – 738-9493



**SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S
HUGE
GARAGE SALE**

**IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE PARKING LOT
5082 SOUTH 107 STREET
ONE BLOCK NORTH OF "Q" STREET**

SATURDAY-MAY 3, 2008 - 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

BARGAINS GALORE

**Household items, (no clothing), antiques,
office furniture, bedding, collectibles, seasonal items, etc.**

Antique appraiser will be available to evaluate your donations

**Delicious refreshments –brats, burgers, hot dogs
and pop for sale**

**Please drop off all donated items at the alumni office after April 14
Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M.**

Call first to make sure someone is in the office.

**If you are unable to drop off items please call us at
738-9493 and we will arrange to pick them up.**

**A receipt for your items will be available when you drop off items or we
pick them up. We are a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and**

THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 4th ANNUAL POKER RUN



SATURDAY
MAY 17, 2008

OPEN TO
MOTORCYCLES & AUTOMOBILES



STARTING PLACE
CHROME LOUNGE
8552 PARK DRIVE
OMAHA, NE

10:30AM SIGN IN - 12 NOON DEPARTURE

\$15.00 PER PERSON - \$25.00 PER COUPLE



1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE PAYOUTS



This year's route will start in Omaha, NE and continue over to Iowa. Our final stop for food and drinks and prize drawings, will be at **JOE BANANA'S FOOD & SPIRITS** located at **1022 South 10th Street Omaha, NE**. There will be music and you will be able to purchase food and drinks. The party is open to all and you don't have to participate in the run to have fun, just show up at **JOE BANANA'S at 1022 South 10th Street** and enjoy.

Contact **Willie Nalley at 660-8880, Ron Cerone at 896-1631, Tim Campbell at 813-4418** or contact the **South High Alumni office at 738-9493**. You can also email us at RonCerone@aol.com

Leave us your name, address and phone number and we will send you a pre-registration form and additional information about the run. We will also send you a reminder notice prior to the event. If you know of others who would like to attend, please have them contact us.

All proceeds benefit the South High Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

2008 GOLF OUTING

Alumni & Friends of South High School



SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008
TREGARON GOLF COURSE

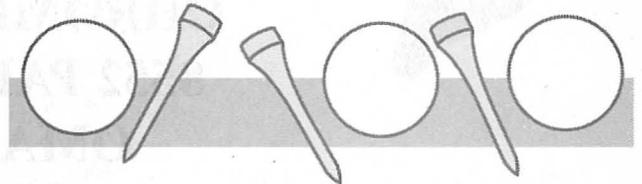
SHOTGUN START! 7:30 A.M. SHARP!

ENTRY FEE \$75.00 PER PERSON

18 holes of golf plus cart, beverages, men & women Teams, 4-person scramble format, flag prizes & team prizes with luncheon to follow at the course.

Entry Deadline is July 11. We are limited to the first 144 golfers, so please enter early to guarantee your foursome.
Mail completed entry along with check to:

SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
5082 SOUTH 107 STREET
OMAHA, NE 68127



South High Golf Tournament Committee: Sandie Knudsen (689-0532),
Steve Anderson (731-6359), Jason Calek (343-9384) & SHSAA (738-9493)

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Tel. _____

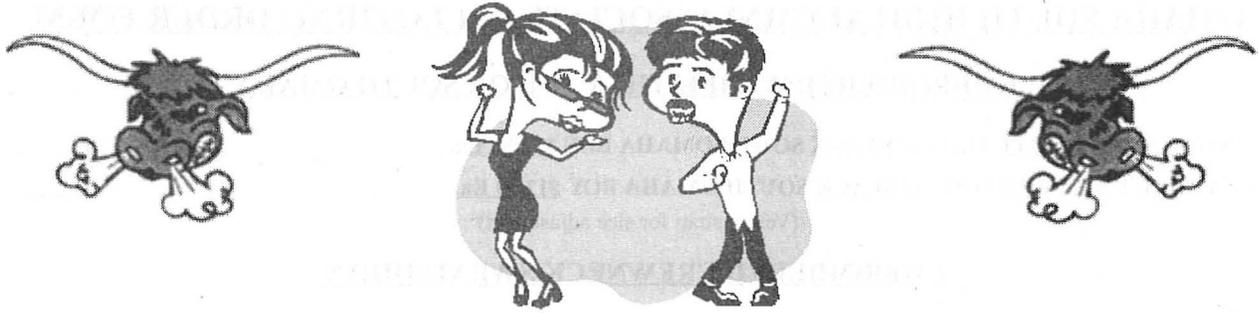
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

* Please allow time for check-in and any practice time prior to the 7:30 start.

*Team Members (Please Print): _____



**SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
70s ALUMNI DECADE (1970-1979)
CLASS REUNION DANCE**

**'PACKERS' COME REUNITE WITH CLASSMATES AND OTHERS YOU KNEW
BACK IN THE 70s. DANCE TO ALL YOUR FAVORITE 70s MUSIC AND ENJOY
TIME TALKING ABOUT THE 'GOOD OLD DAYS'.**

WHEN: Friday, July 18, 2008

WHERE: Georgetowne Club
2440 S. 141 Circle, Omaha, NE

TIME: 7:00 pm - Midnight

COST: \$30 per person - includes hors d'oeuvres (served 7:00-9:00) and pop

MUSIC: DJ - Spinning the "Best" music from the 70s
CASH BAR

Limited number of 500 for this "far out" event so "do the hustle" and quickly make plans to attend.

Registrations/checks (payable to 70s Decade Committee) mailed to:

**South High 70s Decade Committee
South High School Alumni Association
5082 S. 107 Street
Omaha, NE 68127**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JUNE 1, 2008 - Questions? Call 738-9493

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Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Year graduated: _____ # Attending _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

OMAHA SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLOTHING ORDER FORM**CAPS: EMBROIDERED WITH EITHER SOB OR SOUTH OMAHA BOY**

- ___ All **RED** HAT w/**WHITE SOB** and **BLACK SOUTH OMAHA BOY \$12.50 Ea.** \$ _____
- ___ All **WHITE** HAT w/**RED SOB** and **BLACK SOUTH OMAHA BOY \$12.50 Ea.** \$ _____
- (Velcro strap for size adjustment)

EMBROIDERED CREWNECK SWEATSHIRTS

- ___ **SMALL** ALL **RED** Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt - **\$30.00 Ea.** \$ _____
- ___ **MEDIUM** ALL **BLACK** Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt - **\$30.00 Ea.** \$ _____
- ___ **LARGE** ALL **BLACK** Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt - **\$30.00 Ea.** \$ _____
- ___ **X-LARGE** ALL **BLACK** Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt - **\$35.00 Ea.** \$ _____
- ___ **XX-LARGE** ALL **BLACK** Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt - **\$35.00 Ea.** \$ _____

SCREEN PRINTED RED HOODED SWEATSHIRTS

- ___ **LARGE** ALL **RED** Screen Printed Hooded **Pullover** Sweatshirt - **\$25.00 Ea.** \$ _____
(Full Front Imprint)
- ___ **X-LARGE** ALL **RED** Screen Printed Hooded **Pullover** Sweatshirt - **\$25.00 Ea.** \$ _____
(Full Front Imprint)
- ___ **XX-LARGE** ALL **RED** Screen Printed Hooded **Pullover** Sweatshirt - **\$35.00 Ea.** \$ _____
(Full Front Imprint)
- ___ **LARGE** ALL **RED** Screen Printed Hooded **Zippered** Sweatshirt - **\$30.00 Ea.** \$ _____
(Left Chest Imprint)
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- ___ **XX-LARGE** ALL **RED** Screen Printed Hooded **Zippered** Sweatshirt - **\$35.00 Ea.** \$ _____
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(Oct 2007 Order)

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4-5-08 **Thirteenth Annual SHSAA Spaghetti Dinner** at Sokol Hall South Omaha. Details in this TOOTER.
- 4-5-08 **Thirteenth Annual SHSAA Bowling Shoot-out** at Leopard Lanes. More information and registration form in this TOOTER.
- 4-12-08 **Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 A.M. Alumni Association Office.
- 5-3-08 **First Garage Sale** at the SHSAA parking lot. See flyer in this TOOTER.
- 5-12-08 **South High School Honors Convocation** – at SHS Auditorium 7 P.M.
- 5-17-08 **Poker Run** – See flyer in this TOOTER.
- 5-19-08 **SHS Graduation Class of 2008** – 7 P.M. at the Civic Auditorium.
- 7-12-08 **Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 A.M. Alumni Association Office.
- 7-20-08 **2008 Golf Tournament** at Tregaron Golf Course. Sign up flyer in this TOOTER.
- 10-11-08 **Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 A.M. Alumni Association Office.
- 10-30-08 **“Tie One On” Fundraiser** at UNO Alumni House – Details to follow.

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 738-9493 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE EVENTS.

REUNION INFORMATION – 2008

1943-1944 - These two classes will be combined for a one-night only reunion on Saturday 8-23 at Champions Run Club House located at 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE 68164 (402) 498-8900. A golf outing is being planned, information to follow. Social hour at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Speaker will be Toast Master, **Fred Kudym**. **Class of 1943** contact **Wally Hopkins** – home 431-0633 or work 492-9800; or **Bob McNutt** at 393-5873. **Class of 1944** contact **Fran (Walsh) Curran** at 339-3240.

1948-60 year class reunion is planned for 8-30 at Anthony's Steakhouse located at 72 & F Street. Time TBA. Contact **Bonny (Burgess) Abboud** at 331-5155, **Shirley (Welniak) Zurek** at 551-6693. or **Dan & Draga (Savich) Vermillion** at 558-0352.

1953 - No reunion plans at this time.

1958–50 year reunion. A two-day fun filled Weekend Gala on 10-10 & 11. **10-10** (Friday) will be a social night at The Field Club of Omaha at 3615 Woolworth Avenue beginning at 6:30 P.M. with hors d'oeuvres. **10-11** (Saturday) get reacquainted at Zupan's Hill Haven at 8806 S. 36th Street, Bellevue, NE beginning at 3 P.M. Snacks and beer will be on hand. Pig Roast dinner will be available around 5 P.M. Contact **Angelo Perry** at 391-2109 or **Jim Baratta** at 731-1232 with questions.

1963-45 year reunion is planned for 8-1 and 2. **8-1** will be at Rock-N-Jocks located at 204 E. Lincoln Street in Papillion, Nebraska for a get together, cash bar. **8-2** will be at the Livestock Exchange – South Ballroom located at 30th & L Street in Omaha. Contact **Mary (Renner) Urkevich** at mmurk@cox.net or **Carmela (Hembertt) Brooks** at cbrooks723@cox.net. Flyers will detail all the information early in 2008.

1968–40 year reunion. The biggest reunion ever at Bushwacker's Saloon at 7401 S. Main Street in Ralston, NE on 7-18 & 19. Costs for both nights are \$25, which includes DJ Ben Tomasello '57 Chevy Band, free food and more. To those who served in the military, send your military pictures along with your free registration to drrockbt@msn.com or send your information and reservations to **Helene Elsasser** at 2834 S. 33 Street, Omaha, NE 68105, 341-9356.

1973-35 year reunion. Saturday, 7-19 – complete details to be mailed. Contact **Jerry Cherek** at 896-1852 or **Patricia Calvo McGuire** 292-0871 or mpamcguire@msn.com.

1978-30 year reunion. TBA, contact **Kim (Crouch) Buglewicz** at 593-9633, **Connie (Cavlovic) Monastero** at 346-7227 or **Kathy Stanish** at 331-4213.

1983-25 year reunion. Friday, 6-20 Dinner & DJ at Omaha Firefighter's Union Hall at 60th & Grover Street - Omaha. Cocktails at 6 P.M.; dinner at 7 P.M., followed by DJ. Casual attire. Saturday, 6-21 - Tour of South High School time TBA; and casual evening gathering with snacks and a cash bar. Time and place TBA. Contact **Lisa (Andrlik) Muschall** 894-1923, **Diana (Knapp) Marshall** 933-6145, E-mail Diana@inpath.com, **Lydia (Santos) White** 707-7004, E-mail llwhite@up.com or **Shawn Bell**, E-mail smb1990@msn.com.

1988-20 year reunion. TBA

1993-15 year reunion will on 8-2 at McFly's Tavern located 45 & Center Street from 7 P.M. until? Dress will be casual, open bar and food can be purchased. No reservations are needed, the more the merrier and all are welcome! Contact **Tracy (Foral) Casady** @ tracyforal1@cox.net.

1998-10 year reunion. June 20 and 21 – watch for mailing.

For future reunions, please check our webpage @ omahasouthalumni.org

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Fourth Page \$75
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I want to help underwrite the next **TOOTER** issue by placing an advertisement as follows:

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E-Mail Address

Camera- ready ad copy enclosed:
Yes

No , (if no, will be mailed on ____ (date))

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ per ad for half page, fourth page or business card size payable to SHSAA.

Mail to Alumni Office – 5082 South 107 Street - Omaha, NE 68127 (Call 738-9493 if questions.)

ANOTHER RECIPE FROM SHS KITCHEN - SALISBURY STEAK

5 lbs. ground beef	1 tsp. salt
2 eggs	½ cup bread crumbs
¼ cup onion	1 cup water

Mix water, crumbs, onion and beaten eggs. Add meat. Sprinkle salt on top. Mix only enough to distribute the crumbs. Use a ½ cup measure for each steak. Bake in 300 to 325 degrees oven for twenty minutes. Serves 20.

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