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New O&B Newsletter Format

The Orange & Black is still battling file size limitations on all O&B mailings. In on going efforts to limit and control unwanted "Spam" mailings a maximum file size limit of 5 mb has been placed on all of our mailings. There is never a problem with Special Edition mailings because they are so small, usually only one or two pages. But because the O&B Newsletter is so much larger it has been exceeding the 5 mb limit for sometime now. I have tried numerous solutions of compressing the file but none have been satisfactory.

It seems, at least for the time being, the only solution that doesn't sacrifice the quality of the finished product to an unacceptable degree is to just make each newsletter smaller in size.

I have been working on this newsletter for the past month now and it was 20 pages long. The smallest I was able to compress the file size to was to 6.6 mb. Totally too large to send out. Therefore, starting with this issue I am going to experiment with dividing each newsletter into two mailings. My first effort will be to send out the "Letters To The Editor" first in their own newsletter and then follow up with a 2nd newsletter that will be the news and feature stories. To make it easy for you to know which mailing is which, I will add, "Ltrs." after the issue # in the subject line for the issue containing the editor letters.

Letters to the & B

On Dec 17, 2014, at 8:28 AM, **Jeff Kayl Sr. '69** Jeff.Kayl@everestre.com wrote:

Jack, Thanks so much for the special editions on Myron Lee. This most recent installment included an interesting, obscure fact; that being that ML and the Caddies were in Dallas on 11/22/63 to perform that night. Looking forward to the next installment to see what they did that day, as, most likely, the concert was canceled. Merry Christmas and thank you so much for all that you do for all generations in the Warrior nation. **Jeff Kayl Sr. '69**



Karen Johnson '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 25, 2014, **Derald Espeland '55**

[<dkespeland@yahoo.com>](mailto:dkespeland@yahoo.com) wrote:

Thanks Jack for all the great news that you send. Appreciate all the hard work. Hope all goes well with **Denny York '55** will keep him in our prayers. Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year while we winter in south Texas.

Thanks again Karen Johnson '55 Espeland



Gerald Espeland '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 29, 2014, **Vicki Brubaker '59** BRUBAKERCHEER@COMCAST.NET wrote:

Dear, dear Jack --- What a lovely Holiday O&B edition.

You and your wife are a very, very handsome couple (she is beautiful Jack - you are handsome HA) and I so look forward to meeting you at next years' All School reunion. Your efforts on and for the O&B have been appreciated by so many of us.

We had a happy holiday here in sunny Naples, Florida, albeit, there was really some cool days (into the 50's) HA - don't you just hate me (those of you in my wonderful Sioux Falls in the snow). You are right however, there is "no place like home" and that's Sioux Falls for me and the wonderful, wonderful relationships with my friends still there. Isn't that Mary Gail McDowell still the most beautiful thing you have ever seen? Trust me, the beauty is "inside and out" - we were classmates and graduated together in 59'. She is Just a wonderful person for sure.

Happy and Healthy New Year to you and yours along with all my blessed friends and classmates from WHS.

Vicki Brubaker 59'



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 6, 2015, **James Wylie '51** [<jimwylie@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:jimwylie@sbcglobal.net) wrote:

Thanks Jack. Blessings in the New Year.

I was given pause with the notice of Dave Stavig; we were well known to each other even tho not close "buds". Still, brings it close to home. One of these days my number will come up--the Big Book tells us "no man knows the day nor the hour...." Your mission seems like the best way to let our friends know of these matters. Rather than hope someone "let's you know" I am wondering if you receive and or keep on file CV information + a family note or two?? **Jim Wylie '51**



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo



On Dec 22, 2014, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Thanks Jack. It's tough to see all those familiar names as I look back on those memorable days, envision how they looked in my minds eye & remember all the fun, heartaches, the dances, crazy pranks & just plain enjoyment of those years at WHS. This issue is always a tearful trip but thank you so much for what you do. My biggest shock was to hear of Bob Beck's (of "The Barrel" fame) passing who was one of my "best buds" back in the day.

Best to you & yours,

Jim Redfield, Class of '50



Gary Norbraten '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 19, 2015, **Richard Norbraten '54** [<rnorbraten@att.net>](mailto:rnorbraten@att.net) wrote:

While poring over old photos with recent visiting relatives, I came across this one from 1946. The reverse says "best wishes for the season" and was signed "Mrs. A. Jampgaard." I believe it is a group photo of a Sunday school or confirmation class taken in front of what I suspect is the old wooden East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. I am kneeling in front on the viewer's right, with hands in pocket of jacket. Behind me (with big ears) appears to be Stanley Thaelke, also class of 1954. Some of the others look familiar but I can't confirm their identities. I don't know if the resolution of this scan is good enough to publish in the O&B, but perhaps others might recognize themselves. I'm guessing that most (if not all) of these children eventually ended up at WHS and probably also are '54 graduates. **Richard "Gary" Norbraten '54**





Dean Mann '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 31, 2014, **Dean Mann '50** <dlmann@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack: Thank you for keeping the deceased lists up to date. Those lists plus the great O & B you publish must be a great deal of work for you. A labor of love. We all appreciate your efforts. The many stories and emails bring back many good memories of our years at Washington High. I was fortunate to be able to come back and teach in that wonderful building. Many of the teachers that were there in 1950 were still there when I started teaching in 1957. I enjoyed my teaching experience at the old Washington High.

Congratulations on your induction into the Washington High Athletic Hall of Fame as a contributor. I missed the banquet because I just had surgery.

In regard to the deceased list, I have a few spelling corrections for you:

Don Grebin, Bill Dougherty, Dale Norstrom (Norstrom is spelled wrong in the 1950 annual), Hugh Ranney, and Vernon Skadson.

Keep up the good work! **Dean Mann '50**



Bill Friedhoff '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 4, 2015, **Bill Friedhoff '50** mjfriedhoff <mjfriedhoff@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Jack,

Thanks for sending this on.

Darn glad that you have my e-mail address!

Keep articles coming.

Bill Friedhoff '50

On Jan 14, 2015, **Georgia Severson Johnson '56** Gjtn7odsf@aol.com wrote:

Jack, I am redoing our address list and noticed that in addition to Joyce Ageton and Glenda Westphal, you also forgot Audrey McDonald. That brings our 1956 total to 119 which agrees with my count.

Sorry for the delay in advising you of the correction.

Georgia Severson Johnson '56

ED. NOTE: Dear Georgia, Thank you so much for sending me the additions to you class of '56's deceased list. I always appreciate all the help you give me. They have now been added. Jack



Georgia Severson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Glenda Westphal '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Joyce Ageton '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Audrey McDonald '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 5, 2015, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Jack, I sent this off to many of my friends and thought maybe you would like to use it in the O&B.

It may prove to be interesting to some of the 50's folks. The picture is not the actual car I had but it is the same as I had, color and all.

The demise of my first car came about when it was struck by the freight train crossing 6th Street by the Sioux River. The train hit me broadside. (I wasn't looking)

After we got it off the tracks and me out of it,

Bob Damm and I took the motor out of it and put it in a 1947 four door Plymouth. After the four door was wrecked we put that same motor in another 1947 Plymouth Coupe. Those were the days when you could change a motor out of a car by using a crowbar, screwdriver, wrench or two, some wire, and duct tape. **Royce Adams '58**

On Jan 7, 2015, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Jack, this article on Jeanne (Hurwitz '58)) Shechet is about her retirement. She approved using it in O&B if you wish to. Jeanne is a great gal! The info is from The Jewish Press, Dec. 26, 2014 or by Jewish years count, 5775. I have copied the pertinent information for you. I did that because the article is very long.

Royce Adams '58

JEANNE HURWITZ '58 SHECHET RETIRES.

Jeanne Shechet, longtime Beth El Synagogue school secretary, announced her retirement last month. After 23 years as the school's secretary, her last day at the synagogue was Dec. 23, 2014. ----- "We are very grateful to Jeanne for her years of dedicated service to Beth El Synagogue, not only as the school's secretary but as an integral member of the support staff," said Beth El Executive Director Larry DeBruin. "Her knowledge of school operations over these past 23 years has provided strong continuity for our Hebrew and Sunday schools. ---- We wish her the very best in her future retirement endeavors."



Jeanne Hurwitz '58
WHS Senior Photo



On 12-29-14, Rich, Mike
(USAVAE)

<Mike.Rich@usdoj.gov>
wrote:

Jack: My Christmas present from the FBI's Washington Field Office.

Found these in my office this morning when I returned to work.

My coffee cup is flanked by those of Robert Koger (doing 12 years at FCI, Fort Worth) and Robert Rood IV (11 years at FPC, Pennsacola), two of my fraudsters in 2014, and a refrigerator magnet with my personalized Fraud Intake Form - all compliments of the boys and girls at WFO. Turned 75 on December 12th, and am well into my 25th year as a federal prosecutor in a gig that I expected to last a year or two. Thought about retiring, but the paper work involved discouraged me so I guess I will just keep on truckin'. **Mike Rich '57**

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**MIKE RICH
FRAUD CASE - INTAKE FORM**

Subject: _____

Case Agent: _____

Case Agent Representations:

This case **G** is **G** is not a "slam dunk."

This case **G** will **G** will not have more than one document exhibit per count.

The substantive transactions in this case **G** will **G** will not involve "fraud shit that nobody cares about."

There is a **G** low **G** high likelihood that the "folks on the second floor" will be pissed that you "stole" this case from them.

The defense lawyer in this case **G** is **G** is not likely to be from a "white shoe" law firm and **G** will **G** will not attempt to ingratiate him/herself to you through mind-numbing chit chat.

There **G** is **G** is not a good chance that either **G** Peter Greenspun, **G** Jon Shapiro, or **G** Nina Ginsberg will be retained to represent the defendant.

When convicted, the defendant **G** is **G** is not likely to bombard the district court and the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals with bullshit appeals and ' 2255 collateral attacks.

The defendant is financially able to afford **G** 5 **G** 10 **G** 15
G 20 years worth of such bullshit appeals and ' 2255 collateral attacks.

Waiver:

With full and complete understanding of the foregoing, I hereby agree to open/ investigate/prosecute this case and forever waive my rights to **G** bitch **G** moan **G** whine or **G** complain about it.

Michael E. Rich
Assistant United States Attorney

Does anyone know what the hell Mike is talking about?



Gustafson '58 <egustaf@me.com> wrote:

Jack,

Here are some more pictures of times past. Seeing those you presented in the Christmas edition reminded me that I had these. Enjoy the trip down memory lane. Eric.

Eric Gustafson '58 WHS Senior Photo



♥ Happy Valentine's Day

*This year featuring our always beautiful
1956 Sweetheart Candidates.*



L. to R.:

Shirley Boyum,

Junior:

Connie Papas,

Sophomore:

Julie Johnson,

Freshman:

Queen - Marilyn Rush,

Senior:

Remember how special our Sweetheart Dance was every February? I remember so well how important it was to take that most special girl. I hope Valentine's Day is still special to all of you. I know it will always be special for me. In fact every year for the last 39 years all of my nightclub employees and I have tried to make each Valentine's Day an extra special day for lovers. This year the entire Phillips' family wishes each of you a very Happy Valentine's Day filled with much love and happiness. I would enjoy it so much if large groups of WHS Alumni could occasionally gather at someplace like my nightclub, Crocodiles, in Modesto, CA. to again dance to the music we loved so much. The club holds 1,500 people and if you enjoy dancing, I'm sure you would love our romantic Valentine's Day Party where we play the best dance music from the past 70 years, from WW II to now, including lots of slow love songs. I so often think of those wonderful evenings dancing at the Arkota Ballroom in the company of such dearly loved friends. I hope you remember too!

<http://crocodilesnightclub.com>

