

## **O&B Editor Retiring**

After much consideration I have decided it is time for me to discontinue publishing the O&B sometime after the 2015 All School Reunion. I certainly have enjoyed serving my almost 1,000 readers and I hope I have provided a worthwhile publication to the WHS Alumni from the great fifties decade. It will be a momentous occasion for me when the number of my subscribers reach the 1,000 mark. It started with a mailing list of just 40 classmates and I never dreamed my subscriber's list would reach 1,000 in just less than 7 years. I anticipate the 1,000 mark will be reached within the next week or two. I have truly appreciated your support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed and valued the new friendships I have made over the almost seven years of publication and I will never be able to adequately thank those of you who have become regular, extra special and true supporters of my efforts. There are just too many of you to mention by name, but you know who you are. You have regularly contributed to the content of the O&B, you have personally supported me when you sensed that I was frustrated and many of you have even offered to contribute financially to help offset the costs of the O&B. I will never forget you and how you helped justify the amount of time the O&B came to demand.

Publishing the O&B has become a huge part of my life and I know I am going to miss it, so please don't be surprised if you still receive something from me from time to time.

I do plan on publishing some follow up issues to the 2015 All School Reunion.

Many of you who know me more personally are aware of what a huge supporter I have always been of the All School Reunion held every five years and all of the individual class reunions held on their anniversary year. I so strongly believe that each reunion contributes unmeasurably to maintaining our bonds and the unmatched WHS spirit that still exists after so many decades.

Before I depart I feel the need to express my personal disappointment and admonish those of you who just don't care enough to attend and support any or all of our reunions. This years ASR is going to be a fun and exciting event in spite of some nay sayers and negative people. I sincerely hope you don't miss it because I truly fear this may be our last All School Reunion.

For some unexplained and unknown reason to me, I have become aware that some of the "leaders" of a few classes have not only refused to support the ASR, but have actually spoken

negatively about it and verbally have discouraged others from even attending. I feel so strongly about this that I compare it to treason to our school and the soul of the amazing WHS spirit.

Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57, has served as chairman of every ASR except for the 2010 ASR. There is no doubt in my mind at all that without Marlys there would be no ASR. She had retired after chairing the 2005 ASR and it took a great deal of persuasion to convince her to come out of retirement and chair this year's ASR. Marlys has now chaired a total of 5 All School Reunion! She has now told me that this will definitely be her last year of chairing this amazing project. As a result, I now fear for it's future.

Marlys and I both have had to deal with these few, but vocally negative naysayers in prior years and it has been discouraging and disheartening for us to deal with. I don't know why these people are so negative to the ASR, but I suspect it is a matter of their egos being slighted. But I truly fear that because of our advancing ages and without Marlys pushing and organizing the classes of the fifties decade this will be the last ASR. However, I truly hope I am wrong. But because of all of this I strongly urge each of you to attend, support and make this ASR one of the best ever. To make as many WHS Alumni as possible aware that this might be our last All School Reunion I suggest that each class leader forward this edition of the O&B on to their class mailing list.

Sincerely

Jack M. Phillips '54

Retiring Editor

### **Class of '53 - Please Note:**

The cost for your Saturday morning brunch will still be about \$15.00, but you are asked to **make your check payable to Minnehaha Country Club**. Joanie Hobson Keuser is taking the reservations and checks (separate from the reunion itself.) Her address is 2425 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

### **Class of '55 - Please Note:**

**A major change for your Thursday night cocktail party. The Venue has been Changed to, "*The District*", which is on 49th behind the Empire mall.**

**The ASR Registration Deadline Extended to 9-10-15!**

**But that new deadline date is quickly approaching!**

**It is guaranteed to be fun and exciting reunion!**

**One you don't want to miss. Make your reservations NOW!**



### **Dakotah Lodge Reservations**

**All classes are welcome to take advantage of the lower priced rooms at the Dakotah Lodge, but our block of rooms under "Class of '54" will only be held until August 27th. For more informations see page 8.**

# WHS ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sept. 18,19,20, 2015

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weekend Cost, \$50.00 per person – Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration: Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)  
5 p.m. - Kickoff Homecoming Football Game (WHS vs. O’Gorman): Howard Wood Field  
\$5.00 per person Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please add this amount to check)  
7 p.m. Heavy Appetizers – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Exhibit Hall 1**  
8 p.m. – 12 a.m. Visiting, dancing, getting reacquainted

### Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Continuing Registration – Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. “Just Visiting” will be available in venue to be announced. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trolley rides – downtown Sioux Falls and The Falls # \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTE:** Tours of the Pavilion (Retired teachers/staff present in Alumni Hall) # \_\_\_\_\_  
**Multiple Tours** Destination tours Include: (Rotating Buses will be stopping at all 5 destinations)  
**May Be Signed** “New” Washington High School # \_\_\_\_\_ Sanford Sports Complex # \_\_\_\_\_  
**Up For.** Veteran’s Memorial Park # \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Floyd’s Ford Car Collection # \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum # \_\_\_\_\_

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Social Hour – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Grand Ballroom**  
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner (Seated by year of graduation)  
**Please check** \_\_\_\_\_ Oriental Glazed Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Glazed Pork Tenderloin  
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Cavern Beat (Chicago, Il) Tribute to the Beatles (Concert)  
10:30 p.m. to midnight – Visiting

### Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – Continental Breakfast (Venue to be decided) Please Indicate number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Blocks of rooms:

Sheraton Hotel	Comfort Inn and Suites	Holiday Inn City Center	Ramada Hotel & Suite
605-331-0100	605-275-9577	605-339-2000	605-275-2702
\$119	\$109 Single/Double	\$119	\$118
8/28 Cutoff	\$119 Suites	9/19 Cutoff	8/18 Cutoff
	9/1 Cutoff		

May stay at any of the other motel/hotels/campgrounds of your choice.

Make Check Payable to: WHS All-School Reunion and Send to:  
Marlys Hohman, 1127 North Covell Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**New Registration Deadline: Sept 10, 2015**

**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2015**

**No refunds after: September 1, 2015**

Any questions: Marlys at 605-271-9084 or [marlysanna@aol.com](mailto:marlysanna@aol.com)

**FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASS GET TOGETHERS SEE LIST BELOW.**



**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Anyone with special dietary or wheelchair transportation needs, please contact Marlys.

Venues will be available Friday and Saturday afternoons for visiting.

### DESTINATION TOURS:

**The “New” Washington High School**, students will be available to give tours.

**Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum** is a historic 115-acre plot rich with evidence of the past - stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations, town roads, and more, which began as a dream. A local visionary for the environment, Mary Jo Wegner imagined a natural haven in Sioux Falls with wetlands, gardens and native plants. The Arboretum provides recreation and education. A living link to the past and a great stake in our future: the Arboretum will help future generations foster a relationship with the environment while sharing the story of how earlier cultures interacted with the natural world. 1900 South Perry Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57110

**Sanford Sports Complex** is 162 acres that will serve and excite people of all ages and all walks of life. If you can play it... it will be available on this complex. 2210 West Pentagon Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

**Veterans’ Memorial Park** - The dream of a veterans' memorial that recognizes the military history of our community and allows for a place to reflect on the sacrifices that all veterans made has been realized.

First inspired by Msgr. James Andrasckho of Holy Spirit Church, the vision became reality as the City of Sioux Falls and veterans organizations embraced the idea. A committee began by researching various ideas, meeting with designers, veterans groups and the public. A professional design team refined those ideas and a master plan was developed for the Park.

The US Army Air Corps used the selected site, North of Terrace Park, during World War II. The park, which was dedicated on September 9, 2006, includes an entryway with flags, plazas, walls, and an amphitheater. The design of the park allows for memorials to be built over time in various spaces. 1021 West Bailey Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

**Joe Floyd Ford Car Collection** – There are about 30 cars in the collection. The majority is the 1936 Ford. We do not have a complete collection of restored models. We have one of all the models Ford made that year (14). Then we have some examples of the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury “shoebox” design popular in 1949 thru 1951. Some trucks from the 1930’s and 1948 all Fords. Plus a FORD Model A sport coupe. We have a 1967 and 1958 Chevy convertible. The shop is located at 200 Industrial Drive in Harrisburg just behind the new sports complex. Take the drive marked Harrisburg Public Storage just to the rear of the sports complex.

Anyone interested in a tee shirt or sweatshirt may purchase such on: **Washington High School Warriors Apparel Store** Website.

## **UPDATED - Individual Class Activities - New Info. In Red**

**Many individual classes are planning a “get together” for just their class during the 2015 All School Reunion.** The O&B is most happy to list and help promote each of the class events. If your class has something planned and you do not see it on the list below, please let the O&B know.

**Class of 1946:** The class of '46 is holding a luncheon at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Touchmark at All Saints located at 111 W. 17th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104. For more information call Ardis Colby Williams '46 at 605-332-5384.

**Class of 1950:** A true story: Two girls met the first day of college at Augustana in 1977. They became lifelong best friends. They soon realized that both their dads were graduates of the class of 1950 WHS! They are me - Kristi Erickson Clark (daughter of Charles Erickson) and Cathy Qualseth Bernard (daughter of Don Qualseth). We got together recently and decided to have a reunion for our dads and their classmates. Here are the details: We are doing it in conjunction with the all school reunion this fall. Friday Noon, September 18, Sioux Falls Convention Center: Luncheon, \$25 per person. RSVP and check made out to Cathy Bernard and sent to: WHS 1950 Reunion c/o Kristi Clark, 16516 Marais Drive, Olathe, Kansas 66062: Phone #s, Kristi, 760-525-4832 or Cathy, 507-213-1883

**Class of 1952:** A luncheon will be held at 11 am on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Beef O Brady's Family Sports located at 2210 W. 69th St. in Sioux Falls. You will order from the menu. For more information, and/or a ride, contact, Betty Holmoe Pfieffe '52 at 728 E. Greenbrier Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Phone is 605-310-8687. Email, [waltleyse@hotmail.com](mailto:waltleyse@hotmail.com)

**Class of 1953:** On Apr 24, 2015, Sharon Frank Johnson '53 <shrnfaye@sio.midco.net> wrote: Hi Jack, Thanks for your call and efforts to get our reunion news into the O&B. Since we did not have a 60th reunion, we're calling our gathering an “80th Birthday Party for the Class of '53”.....seemed fitting, as we are all there or will be shortly. Plans are not totally finalized, but we have reserved Minnehaha Country Club for a brunch at 10:00 on Saturday Morning, Sept. 19. The cost will be about \$15.00(**check made payable to Minnehaha Country Club**) and Joanie Hobson Keuser will be taking the reservations and checks (separate from the reunion itself.) Her address is 2425 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Her email is [dj.keuser@sio.midco.net](mailto:dj.keuser@sio.midco.net) for anyone who has questions, or my email is [shrnfaye@sio.midco.net](mailto:shrnfaye@sio.midco.net). That will give everyone time to attend the afternoon tours, which, I believe they will find interesting. Marlys has done a great job of getting things organized! Thanks again. Sharon Frank Johnson '53

**Class of '54:** A Class of '54 dinner will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, 2015 at the Country Club of Sioux Falls, formerly, The Westward Ho Country Club. **The Trio Chairwomen for the evening are Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Lois Rossow Gellerman '54 and Mary Kay Houston Moen '54** There will be a no host cocktail party with a cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm. **The price for the evening will be \$25.00 per person. (Reduced from the original price of \$39.00.)** Since this dinner is being held on Thursday night, Sept. 17th, the night prior to the beginning of the All School Reunion, all out of town '54 classmates should plan on arriving in Sioux Falls by at least that Thursday, the 17th. **Please send your check for \$25.00 per person to Marilyn Viehweg at 4315 Townpark Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.** Be sure and include your phone number and indicate if you will need a ride. Receiving your reservation as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated for planning purposes, but they must be in by Sept. 1, 2015.

**Class of '54 Special Note On Lodging:** A block of more economic rooms has been reserved at the **Dakotah Lodge**, 3200 Russell St. in Sioux Falls, 57107 **and all classes are welcome to use this block of room.** Phone, 800-658-4508 for a price of **\$60.00 for Thursday night and \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday**



# Individual Class Activities - Continued: - New Info. In Red

**nights.** As long as they last, you will have a choice of a room with one king bed or one room with two queen beds. Breakfast is included each morning. You should ask for reservations under, **"WHS Class of '54"**. **Reservations must be made by August 27th to receive these rates.** The Dakota Lodge is 1.4 miles from the Convention Center. The Dakota Lodge's email address is [frontdesk@dakotalodge.com](mailto:frontdesk@dakotalodge.com). Of course you are welcome to stay at any other hotel of your choice.

**Class of '55:** Mavis Larson Carl '55 has informed me that the class of '55 will be holding a cocktail party on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, 2015 from 5 pm to 9 pm at **The Venue has been Changed to "The District" which is on 49th behind the Empire mall.** "Heavy appetizers" will be served with the cash bar. Since this party is being held on Thursday night, Sept. 17th, the night prior to the All School Reunion commencing, all out of town '55 classmates should plan on arriving in Sioux Falls by at least that Thursday. For more information you may call Mavis at 605-360-4546 or email her at [mcarl47071@aol.com](mailto:mcarl47071@aol.com)

**Class of '57:** The **"Boys of '57"** will be holding their 11th consecutive gathering at Pete Hegg's Circle H Ranch on Wednesday, Sept. 16th through Friday, Sept. 18th and returning to Sioux Falls in time for the All School Reunion. See Pete's email next and then more information following his email.



Pete Hegg '57  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 1, 2015, at 3:46 PM, **Peter Hegg '57** <[peterhegg@heggcompanies.com](mailto:peterhegg@heggcompanies.com)> wrote:

Jack....thought you might enjoy seeing last years "Boys of 57" outing at the Circle H Ranch, This will be our 11th consecutive year of hosting that group and it usually runs from 15 to 22 guys that show up. A wonderful time is had by all. Just wish we had started this 20 years ago. Lots of story tellin, beer drinkin, and lots of laughs. A Great Bunch of Guys.... As we get older we can tell the same stories over again because most of us cant remember them from year to year. We have the following states represented almost each year:SD, Calif, Florida, AZ, WA, Maryland, CO, MN, Washington, DC,Texas and others. Our next gathering will be Sept. 16,17 and 18 just prior to the all school reunion. Why don't you come out and join us this year as a honor

member. Again thanks for all you do for WHS alums

**Pete Hegg '57**

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The great news for this year's "Boys of '57" reunion is that Arthur C Mellette will be a guest speaker on September 17<sup>th</sup>. As most of you know, Arthur C Mellette was the last governor of the Dakota Territory and the first governor of South Dakota so obviously he personally will not be available to tell his own exciting story but will be portrayed by John Timm. Mr. Timm has done extensive research on the life of Governor Mellette which he has written about and performed living history portrayals of the governor statewide at different organizations since 1999.

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Pete has told me that all male members of the class of '57 are invited however, accommodations at the ranch are limited to 30 so reservations are based on first come, first served. There is a charge of \$185.00 which includes room and board from arrival from on Wednesday between 4 and 5 pm through lunch on Friday. The ranch is 165 miles from Sioux Falls, (3hr. driving time). You can check the beautiful ranch out at



Pete & Marilyn Hegg  
With Gus

[www.circlehranch.com](http://www.circlehranch.com) For more information or to sign up for this years, "Boys of '57" Reunion you can contact:

Jacqueline Christopherson, CPM

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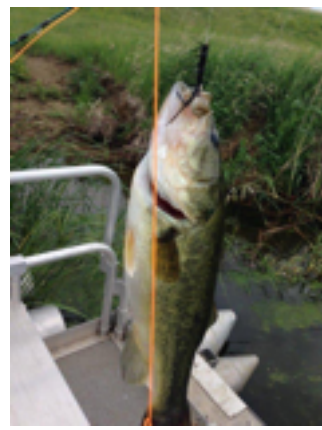
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"Boys of '57"  
Reunion.



**The Boys of '57 have gathered for 11 consecutive years at Pete Hegg's, "Circle H Ranch"**

**Editor's Note: The O&B sincerely thanks Pete Hegg and the Boy's '57 for rescheduling their 2015 reunion to coincide with the 2015 All School Reunion.**

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**Class of '59:** On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> the Class of '59 will gather at Pappy's from 5:30-7:30. We will reminisce or just make something up if we can't remember what we did. There will be a cash bar (wine and beer only) and we will provide the appetizers. Pappy's is brand new and is located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Phillips. We will be the only ones there so don't worry about introducing yourself to someone who is not a part of our class. We will provide nametags also. There is outside seating in case we are experiencing one of our wonderful fall days.

There will be no charge for this event but since we will be ordering appetizers, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know if you are planning on attending and also if you are bringing a spouse, significant other, or your caretaker. My email address is [connienelson59@gmail.com](mailto:connienelson59@gmail.com) and my phone number is 605-261-9698.

This notice is being e-mailed to about 170 of our classmates – some addresses, of course, will not be current. Please send this e-mail on to any classmates in your address book and also tell those friends who may not have email. Remember to pass the word on to your friends and also to let me know if you are coming.

Thanks. **Connie Henline Nelson '59**

**Other Classes:** If your class is having a class get together but it is not listed above please let the O&B know the details and it will appear in the next O&B.

**Dakota Lodge Block Now Available To All Classes:** A larger block of rooms have now been reserved at the Dakota Lodge so now **ALL WHS Classes** are now welcome to take advantage of the block of more economic rooms that has been reserved for the Class of '54 at the **Dakotah Lodge**, 3200 Russell St. in Sioux Falls, 57107. The reservation phone number is 800-658-4508. The price is **\$60.00 for Thursday night and \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations must be made by August 27th.** As long as the room supply lasts you will have a choice of a room with one king bed, or one room with two queen beds. **Breakfast is included each morning.** You should still ask for reservations under, "**WHS Class of '54**". The Dakota Lodge is located 1.4 miles from the Convention Center. The Dakota Lodge's email address is [frontdesk@dakotahlodge.com](mailto:frontdesk@dakotahlodge.com).

**Current Lodging Information: Letter From Jane Winnett '54.**

On May 16, 2015, **Jane Winnett '54** <winnettjane220@gmail.com> wrote:  
Just made my reservations at the **Sheraton** and thought I would tell you she said there were only 2 more rooms available at the \$119 rate. But there is a special of \$114. for Thurs. nite.

**Additional Hotel Rates: From ASR Chairwoman, Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57:**

On May 13, 2015, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**, <marlysanna@aol.com> wrote:  
Jack, I did some checking with the other motels that are in the area of the Convention Center and thought maybe these motels and approximate cost should be published.

Super 8 - 2 queens/2 people	\$75.80 (Before senior rate)
American Budget - 2 queens/2 people	\$65.00 (Before senior rate)
Sleep Inn - 2 queens/2 people	\$89.99 (Before senior rate)
Motel 6 - 2 full/2 people	\$65.99 (Before senior rate)
Best Western Ramkota - 2 queens/2 people	\$98.99 w/Senior Rate

These are the rates before taxes and people should read the reviews. You already have the Dakota Lodge.  
**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**

**September 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2015**  
**Guaranteed to be a jam packed fun WHS weekend.**  
**DON'T MISS IT!**

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**Please Help Your Reunion Committees By**  
**Making Your Reservations As Soon As Possible!**



# Old WHS All Staff



**September 19\*, 2015 2-4 pm**

**at the Alumni Hall**

**3rd floor of the**

**Washington Pavilion**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**-Informal atmosphere-**

**Be prepared to visit**

**with old friends**



**Be you a former:**

Teacher  
Administrator  
Counselor  
Office Staff  
Custodian  
Cook  
Nurse

or any staff position,

Please come and share your stories and memories

☛ If you have memorabilia you wish to donate, please bring it.

☛ The WHS Historical Committee is currently searching for possible candidates for membership in the WHS Hall of Distinction. If you know of any former students who might qualify, let us know at the reunion.

Qualifications for Hall of Distinction, and a list of members, can be found at our website at : [www.sfwshc.org](http://www.sfwshc.org) or on our Facebook page.



**\*Date coincides with the WHS All School Reunion**

For more information, contact Bob Caselli at: [rectancy@siso.milco.net](mailto:rectancy@siso.milco.net), or Mick Zerr @ [zermick@gmail.com](mailto:zermick@gmail.com)

# Old WHS All Staff



**Sept. 19, 2015 2-4pm**

Over the years you were at WHS, you probably had an interesting, funny, or otherwise memorable experience/photo or two. These stories/pictures would be great to share.

We encourage you to e-mail them to us, (preferred) or send them U.S. Mail. These stories will be compiled and put in a booklet which we can make available to all staff alumni. Even if you can't make it to the Sept. 19th reunion, please send us your story/photo.(we will send you a copy of the booklet.)

**Please include the following:**

1. The approximate year and location it took place. (such as: 1961, in the cafeteria)
2. Your position at the time (please indicate if you do not want your name included).
3. Do not give other peoples names in the story; just give their position at the time\*.  
(\*such as: assistant principal, senior, junior, janitor, cook, counselor, home-coming marshall, basketball center, etc).
4. Since photos can't be returned, please scan/copy your original if you want to keep it. Best is to e-mail a copy of the photo to us.
5. Restrict photos/stories to events that took place at WHS, or at a school activity. Photos of the building, both outside and inside, are welcome, even if no people are present. We can also use such photos for our website.

**Please e-mail your story(s)/photo(s)to: [sfwshc@gmail.com](mailto:sfwshc@gmail.com) or mail to:**

**Mick Zerr**

**6009 W. Jordan Ct.**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

**For questions: [zermick@gmail.com](mailto:zermick@gmail.com)**





**Stephen Veenker '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## Story submitted by Stephen Veenker '59

As I was gathering my notes and, wits, as Jim Ward '53 previewed in the last edition, I realized that a lot of what happened to our class was after most readers' time at WHS.

For example, the class of 1959 was the last group to go 9 years in grade school and all 4 years at WHS. The class of '60 went through Junior Highs and then 3 years downtown. BUT one school building was not ready in time, so the Edison 9<sup>th</sup> grade class took over the west wing of WHS. But, lest they be unduly corrupted by us old timers, the Classes of '56 thru '59 used the other three wings. That was a chore, if you had to go from Band to Biology lab, you had to charge though the north, East, and South wings and down three flights of stairs. Same trip in reverse for Biology to Physics. But we were forbidden to use the West wing halls.

The Fifty-Niners made a splash on stage. The children's play was *Rumpelstiltkin*, and the title role went to a freshman, Sheldon Zabel. And after *Time out for Ginger* auditions, the ingénue role went to Vicki Brubaker. Barney Kremer knew our dad was a union stagehand running the lights at the Coliseum, and since the WHS auditorium switchboard was similar, I got drafted as apprentice to Rollie Chambers '56, to work lights for every play, concert, talent show, and assembly for four years. I never saw any from the auditorium.

In 1956 the Dramatics Club was wondering whether to have an OLD float, and if so what it might be. Nobody had a really winning concept, till Sheldon mentioned that our brothers Ron and Bill's class of '54 had a statue replica of the Buzz Book Sampson, but there was no trace of it by the time we arrived.

We checked around and the word from a reliable source was some front office person couldn't stand the thing and had it incinerated in the boilers below the cafeteria.

We agreed that it would be fitting if we recreated Sampson for OLD and after.

Lynn Engen, science teacher, let us use their garage for the project. Several of us, including Mary Feldhaus and Barb Sales '58, and Mr. Engen's daughter, scavenged or scrounged some 2x4s, 1x2 lath, chicken wire, and papier-maché and set to it, using a Buzz Book cover as our model. Like a Phoenix from the ashes. Stop rolling your eyes !

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**Sheldon Zabel '59, being made up**  
**for his lead in *Rumpelstiltkin*.**  
**Photo from '56 Warrior.**





Along the way, Sheldon and I were lamenting the boiler room immolation of Sampson I. Friends since Kindergarten, even in the '40s, the two of us made our annual bicycle pilgrimage to Sioux Falls Fireworks with our savings. We bought Black Cat and Zebra firecrackers. (I still have a package in storage.) When the Rich Bros.' red and blue flier came out in June we would sit in our back yard and scheme how to invest our savings. Then we would ride up to the city limits, which in 1950 meant an easy half block to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, and the farmland adjacent to the Woodlawn Cemetery property, which was rented as cornfields. There we would set off a daily ration of Zebras, saving most for July Fourth of course.

(For decades Mom would send me the Rich flier from her mail, and I would bring it to lunch with Sheldon in Chicago, where we would reminisce about our allowances long since gone up with a bang.)

So when we built Sampson || Sheldon and I wrapped several packs of firecrackers in plastic bags and secured them inside his chicken wire ribcage. If our mascot found the same destiny as the first, people would hear about it.

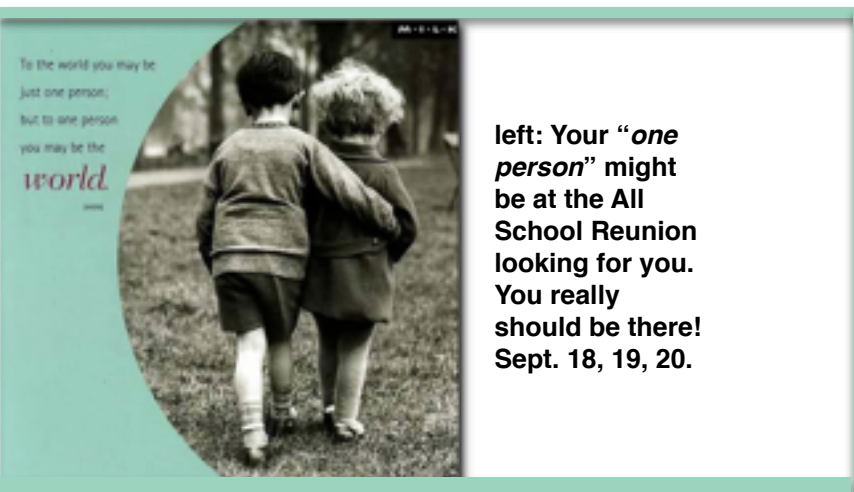
After OLD, Sampson resided in the Veenker basement, and Fred Stahmann '59, Sheldon and I would lug him to basketball games at the Coliseum, and some football games at the old Howard Wood Field or to the OLD pep rally in the auditorium.

Upon graduating we passed Sampson along to someone in the class of 1960. I never heard what happened to it. Maybe some of your readers with younger siblings will have a trail to follow. Hope so! Hope we hear from others who worked on or inherited Sampson.

The photo above is from the last page of the 1957 Warrior. I just remembered that I asked for it at year end, and Warrior adviser W. Paul Graves slipped it to me. Thanks, Paul. RIP.

=Stephen Veenker '59

**Editor's Note: To the right is another Sampson as pictured in the 1954 Warrior. If my memory is correct, the super talented Pete Eide '54, created this one.**





**Mick Rich '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## Story From Mike Rich '57

Jack: If you are going to have another Memorial Day issue, here are some photos you might use. Gio Linh was an artillery fire base about a mile south of the DMZ, for which my company, Fox Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, was providing security for six weeks during August/September 1967.



**Mike,  
Thanks  
For  
Your  
Service!**



*Photo courtesy of Capt Dennis R. Zoerb, USMC (Ret.)*  
*Capt Michael E. Rich, left, a future director of the Judge Advocate Division, was an infantry company commander at Gio Linh in 1967. He and platoon leader 2dLt Dennis R. Zoerb hold the flak jacket and helmet of a Marine killed by an artillery round.*







# WHS Athlete Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet

Saturday, October 10, 2015



This years banquet will take place on Saturday October 10th, 2015. It will start at 5:30 PM at the Washington Pavilion. The Class of 2015 Inductees are as follows

**ATHLETES:** Kevin Croston **Ron Moon '55**, Scot Namanny, Paul Shock, Linda Smith-McDowell, Dallas Ustrud

**CONTRIBUTOR:** Lyle Farrand

**COACH:** Kim Nelson

*Congratulations  
Ron Moon '55  
Well Deserved!*

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Mavis Larson Carl '55 sent these two photos of recent class of '55 get togethers in Sioux Falls.

left photo: Sally Lambert Linton, Jane Ackerman, Denny York, Ron Green, Jim Parker.



Mavis Larson Carl '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Stan Cadwell, Mary Cadwell, Jervin Waite, Dolly Tague Waite,  
Judy Allen Portice. All Class of 55 except Mary Caldwell.

# Letters to the & B

**Editor's Note:** I have received so many "letters to the editor" there just won't be room for them all in this issue and I am sorry. The problem resulted from an unusually high number of letters in response to the Memorial Day issue. All letters were so very complimentary and of course I truly enjoyed and appreciated each of them. The strong patriotic flavor of each one truly moved me. To help remedy the problem of too many letters to print, I feel I must regretfully be more selective than normal in which ones are chosen to print. There are over one hundred letters that I am not going to have room to print in this issue. Depending on the volume of letters prior to the next O&B, a select few of the current letters not appearing now will be included in the next issue. I hope you understand and will continue writing. Jack

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On May 19, 2015, **Elsie O'Connor Beck '50** <az.popeye6@cox.net> wrote:

Dear Jack,

Again I enjoyed reading all the good old WHS news. I was especially sorry to hear about Maureen's passing. She and I grew up together at Bancroft and Whittier and lost a little contact when we got to WHS but always remained friends. She was such a pretty girl and very quiet (unlike me) and I would like to pass on my condolences to all who were fortunate enough to know her. Sincerely, Elsie O'Connor Beck '50

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**Elsie O'Connor '50**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 22, 2015, **Sheldon R. Songstad '56** <SRSongstad@msn.com> wrote:

Hi my friends, Just a note to let you know I think I am fully recovered from the stroke and three surgeries later. Right now I feel WONDERFUL. It is devine intervention. Thanks for all the calls, emails and especially the prayers.  
I love you all . Sheldon Songstad '56

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**Sheldon Songstad '56**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 23, 2015, **Paul Anderson '58** <guypithecus@att.net> wrote:

WHEN I HAVE MY 50TH BIRTHDAY, I PLAN ON LOOKING THIS TOWN UP.

I UNDERSTAND SNOW SHOVELING IS GOOD FOR THE HEART. IT WILL EITHER KILL YOU OR CURE YOU;

Sioux Falls Named Third Most Livable City For People Over 50

**Paul Anderson '58**

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**Paul Anderson '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 24, 2015, **Bev Semmens** <bevsemmens1@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Hi Jack I would appreciate getting the Orange and Black. In the second picture of class of '52 you have my name as Beverly Ostrander Summers, it is Beverly Ostrander Semmens. My husband Eugene Semmens class of '47 and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary March 5th 2015.

**Editor Response:** Dear Bev, sorry for the misspelling & thank you for letting me know. Also, congratulations on you and Eugene's 60 yrs. That is wonderful!

**Beverly Ostrander '50, WHS Senior Photo**





Dean Mann '50  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 24, 2015, Dean Mann '50 dlmann@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack: What a great memorial edition and remembrance of the Sioux Falls and Washington High residents we have lost over the years to war and active service. I knew quite a few of those mentioned, and on this weekend it brings tears to ones eyes as you think about them at the time you knew them. Thank you so much for this special edition.

I think the All-School Reunion this summer will be one of the best. I have talked to so many friends who plan on being there, and they have contacted others that do not get the O & B. Not all from the 1950s. You have really helped publicize the reunion through your efforts in the O&B/

I see that Jim Redfield writes to you quite a bit. Jim and I were good friends. I remember that car he had in the late '40s early '50s. One night he took me over to this girls house I wanted to meet, and when he left after awhile her mother asked why the other boy left. I wonder if he remembers trying to teach me to dance in his basement. That was the blind leading the blind. I had this date for a dance, and I didn't know how. He did a good job as I became a pretty good dancer. My wife and I danced every chance we got before and after we were married.

I always say I graduated from the Sioux Falls School District in 1993. But that is another story for another day.

Dean Mann '50

Dean, thanks for the nice note. I'm glad you're coming to the ASR. I agree, it looks like it is going to be a grand weekend.



Jane Anderson '53  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 24, 2015, Jayne Anderson Johnson '53

<jayne\_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I cannot thank you enough. Yes, I cried because I am so blessed to have men and women who have put their lives on the line for me to be safe. We can never do enough for our military. I come from a military family starting with my Uncle Ed who was in the Spanish American War, my Dad WWI, Virgil WWII, Tommy, Kenny and Wally, Korea and Vietnam. Monroe, Jr was all Army men and Paul, Jr was in the Navy. God blessed our family to return all of them home without one body part missing. My brother Virgil is 88 and he is still in touch with a few of his class buddies from WHS. I will be flying my flags tomorrow, but I

never go to bed without praying for our troops and their families.

I know a lot is happening today, killings that are senseless, people homeless and hungry, but in spite of all that my brothers always said this is the best country.

Thanks again for all the work you do. I really appreciate the time and effort that you take to share the stories with us. God bless and we must continue to pray for our country and each other. jj  
Jayne "JJ" Johnson '53



On May 24, 2015, Donna Bishop Landsman '52 <featherartlady@hotmail.com> wrote:

Thank You Jack, for the nice Memorial Day Military Edition. My husbands cousin, Karen Van Regenmorter was so sadden when her husband Ron was killed and left her with two small children. She went on and opened "Karen's Dress Shop" at Park Ridge. It is still there today.

Karen passed away from cancer. We cherish the memories of all our classmates. Donna (Bishop) Landsman '52

left photo - Donna Bishop '52, WHS Senior Photo







Gary Robertson '58  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 25, 2015, Gary Robertson '58 [sodakrob@aol.com](mailto:sodakrob@aol.com) wrote:

Jack Thank you for the amazing effort you put into each edition of the O & B. The most recent Memorial Day edition was especially enlightening because of the memories I have of the classmate you so rightfully honored, Gene Kimmel '56. Gene was two years older than I in high school and I didn't know him that well then.

But in college at USD I was one year ahead of him due to his prior military service. We both sought part time work to offset the exorbitant college tuition fees (\$110 semester). We attained jobs in the horse racing business taking movies of the races so that the judges could review them for fouls or penalties in Nebraska. No digital in those days--shoot a film of the race and send it down a wire from the 70ft. tower we had climbed. The stories that could be told!! We drove together from Vermillion to Omaha or South Sioux City from April thru early June on an almost daily basis for 2-3 years. He had just started dating Mary Lou Heacock, who would become his bride further down the road.. The shared car time was the foundation for a lasting friendship that was unfortunately cut short. I was so fortunate to enjoy a lunch with Gene right outside of the El Toro Marine base in California 2 days before his Vietnam departure. He was so incredibly positive and undaunted with the mission before him that the thought of him not returning never occurred to me. And probably not him. The El Toro Marine Base is no longer here, and neither is a great American, Gene Kimmel.

Gary Robertson, Class of 1958 [sodakrob@aol.com](mailto:sodakrob@aol.com)



Gene Kimmel '56  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



Pete Hegg '57  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 1, 2015, Peter Hegg <[peterhegg@heggcompanies.com](mailto:peterhegg@heggcompanies.com)> wrote:

Jack....thought you might enjoy seeing last years "Boys of 57" outing at the Circle H Ranch, This will be our 11th consecutive year of hosting that group and it usually runs from 15 to 22 guys that show up. A wonderful time is had by all. Just wish we had started this 20 years ago. Lots of story tellin, beer drinkin, and lots of laughs. A Great Bunch of Guys.... As we get older we can tell the same stories over again because most of us cant remember them from year to year. We have the following states represented almost each year:SD, Calif, Florida, AZ, WA, Maryland, CO, MN, Washington, DC,Texas and others. Our next gathering will be Sept. 16,17 and 18 just prior to the all school reunion. Why don't you come out and join us this year as a honor member.

Again thanks for all you do for WHS alums Pete



Dave Paulson '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 13, 2015, Dave Paulson '56, [dlpentprz@aol.com](mailto:dlpentprz@aol.com) wrote:

Has nothing been heard regarding gatherings for the Class of 56?  
David Paulson '56

Editor's note: Dave, as I think you know I sent out a letter from Marlys's and myself to just members of the class of '56 urging someone to organize a class of '56 get-together during the ASR, but as of now I have not received a response from anyone. It is still not to late!





**Mick Zerr**  
**42 Years On WHS Faculty**  
**1967 - 2009**

On Aug 6, 2015, at 8:14 AM, mick zerr <zerrmick@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, Things are well underway for the faculty part of the all-school reunion. The committee asked me to contact you on matters relative to the committee's projects and funding of the reunion. We have no real source of income, except donations, and every so often, generous graduates send us a check. As you know, we are also in charge of the alumni hall, the preserved classroom, the Hall of Distinction awards, and the display cases. We, of course, always have projects to consider for the future, such as adding photos of all the principals to the alumni hall, collecting anecdotes from former staff of students, etc. We are asking two things

of you, relative to your fine alumni publication. First, if any grads have ideas for projects that the committee can do, we would like to hear them, and Second, if any grads would like to donate to the committee to help fund the staff reunion and projects, we would greatly appreciate that. So, if it is possible to place a note in your next publication relative to these two items, we would really appreciate it.

Suggestions for projects can be sent to: [sfwhshc@gmail.com](mailto:sfwhshc@gmail.com)

Donations can be sent to:

**Washington High Historical Committee**  
**c/o of Brett Cooper**  
**Washington Pavilion**  
**301 South Main Avenue**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

**Thanks much**  
**Mick Zerr**  
**Chmn, SFWHSCH**

**Editor's Note:** As you just read the WHS Historical Committee contributes so much to the preservation of our dear old alma mater. I am sending them my check today and I hope each of you will consider making a financial contribution also. Any amount you can send, regardless of how large or small, will help fund their many many worthwhile projects and activities and will be so greatly appreciated. If you let me know you made a contribution I will gladly list all donors in a future issue. Thank you. Jack



**Jim Redfield '50**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Jun 6, 2015, **Jim Redfield '50**, [jimwred@cox.net](mailto:jimwred@cox.net) wrote:

Jack: This obit comes as close to our family as any. Sam was a good friend, pallbearer to my Mom's funeral, fraternity brother and son of Joe Alick, owner of Joe Alick's Grocery on Grange & W.18th ST - three blocks from our home. I believe our family purchase 80% of our food from that store & watched Sam, Nafe, Joey & Richie grow up & prosper. Great family & store where our family had a charge account. Mom made almost daily trips there, as I recall, & I returned Coke six-pack empties for credit as a youngster. Also remember Fatima, another older & very kind sister.....good Americans. Always remember father Joe say "twoty-two" street for 22nd.Street! My sister Jean Ann & I have fond memories of them

all. May God Bless Sam & his family,  
 Jim Redfield, class of '50

On Jul 22, 2015, **Jim Redfield '50** [jimwred@cox.net](mailto:jimwred@cox.net) wrote:

Hi Jack:

Condolences to the family of Billy Pitts. He was one of the neighborhood kids on our block on W.18th St. in Sioux Falls. I remember his folks, Dottie & Zaz as well. Zaz would get me axles & wheels from his surplus yard for the motorless go carts I used to build as a kid. Saw Billy a couple of times on visits back home some years ago. My sister Jean Ann surely knows more about his career as she is still in Sioux Falls & closer to his age. Always remember him as a nice fellow.

**Jim Redfield, 1950 grad.**



On May 26, 2015,, Pat  
**Jorgensen Palagi '56**  
 <pgpalagi@gmail.com>  
 wrote:

On May 4, 2015,  
 Washington High School classmates of  
 1956 met for a mini high school reunion  
 at the Newcastle Golf Club in Newcastle,  
 Washington, outside of Seattle. We had a  
 lovely time reminiscing

Back Row L-R: Jim Brown ('56),  
 Dale Peterson ('56), Bob Newcomb ('53),  
 Bob Pederson ('56), Andy  
 Perlbachs ('56) Seated: Camille  
 Peterson ('61), Leora Capen  
 Bass ('56), Pat Jorgensen Palagi  
 ('56) Marlys Rush Newcomb ('56)  
**Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56**

On Aug 7, 2015, **Pat  
 Jorgensen Palagi '56**  
 <pgpalagi@gmail.com>  
 wrote:

Jack, My "gang" decided  
 to have our photo taken together  
 before we graduated from WHS  
 in June of 1956.

Back row: Clarice  
 Christensen (deceased), Julie  
 Morstad, Sharon Knepper, Marion  
 Limpo, Janet Batcheller, Sally  
 Peterson, Daleanne Anderson,  
 Renee Chaussee, Lois Engen,  
 Marla Hohwieler,

Front row: Pat Jorgensen,  
 Patty Williams, Pat Rohlfss  
 (deceased), Pat Soppe, Trudy Jarvis, Janie Strand

Jack, I do not know some of the married names so I left them off. Sorry.

**Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56**



Laurel Pierce '55  
 WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 19, 2015, Laurel Pierce Hampel '55 <laufred@att.net> wrote:  
 Here is another good "Oldies" video sent in by Laurel Pierce Hampel '55. Just click  
<http://biggeekdad.com/2015/07/here-today-gone-tomorrow/#.Vauh6Inihe0.mailto>



Roger Mickelson '54  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 6, 2015, Roger Mickelson '54, RogerAnn@aol.com wrote:

Jack, I knew **Sam** (Alick'53) slightly in high school, much better at USD where he and I were Pledge Brothers in SAE. He was ever cheerful, friendly, business-savvy---became our House Manager (three story brick "home" for scores of Brothers), organizing, fixing, maintaining that big old structure and property with expertise.

On my infrequent trips back to Sioux Falls in my early Army days, I'd always look him up to renew our friendship.

Seriously missed...a FINE fellow and Brother.

**Roger Mickelson '54**

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## ALL SCHOOL REUNION PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN

On Aug 8, 2015, at 12:56 PM, Rich@RichOsness.com <richosness@earthlink.net> wrote:  
Jack,

Rich Osness, the photographers, will be producing a Reunion-Yearbook for the Washington High School All School Reunion. The yearbook will include individual or couple pictures of all of the Attendees, Class Pictures, an All School Group and loads of Candid's.

We are available to take class pictures any time September 18th, 19th or 20th. We will be available for individual or couple pictures all day Friday and Saturday at the Convention Center. No reservation is needed for the individual or couple pictures. Please contact us at 800-631-6247 or [WHS@RichOsness.com](mailto:WHS@RichOsness.com) to schedule a time for your class picture.

There is no charge for our photography services. You pay only for the books and prints you order.

Prints and books may be ordered during the event at the Convention Center or online, by mail and by phone after the event. More information is available at [RichOsness.com](http://RichOsness.com) or see our booth at the Convention Center.

Thank you,  
Rich Osness  
**-the photographers**

Be Sure And Say Cheese!

### Editors Note:

The Orange & Black enthusiastically welcomes Rich and "**the photographers**" to our Reunion and encourages you to utilize their full service. If "**the photographers**" are not at your individual class function the O&B asks that your class submit your own photos to the O&B. But **PLEASE**, be sure to identify each person in the photo, with both maiden name AND class year if they attended WHS and just name if not from WHS.

Reunion organizers are now very pleased with the way registrations are coming in. They have increased significantly over the past 10 days just as is always the case and as was anticipated. It's going to be a great reunion! I sincerely hope you will be there for what I fear may be the last All School Reunion. Lets make it the best ever!

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YEA! THE O&B NOW HAS

**1,000 SUBSCRIBERS!**



# One more page added to recognize Sturgis, SD Bike Rally. The largest in the world!



Sheldon Songstad '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 8, 2015, at 9:07 AM, **Sheldon R. Songstad '56** <SRSongstad@msn.com> wrote:  
From my friend, Hon. Carv Thompson

NOTE: Their are more people in Sturgis, SD this week than in the whole state of South Dakota. Attached is a picture of a few of the one million bikers expected to attend the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcyle Rally in Sturgis, SD. These folks gathered on Main Street for this photo on opening day. The Rally concludes this Sunday, Aug. 9th. For complete information, photos, news stories, history of the Rally and more, please Google SturgisMotorcyleRally.com. You'll be amazed. Enjoy. **Sheldon Songstad '56**



Glen Jamtgaard '55  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 7, 2015, Glen Jamtgaard '55 <glenjamtgaard@yahoo.com> wrote:

For one week every year, Sturgis, a small town nestled in the Black Hills of South Dakota, becomes motorcycle mecca. Hundreds of thousands of bikers make the pilgrim...  
Click on link for full story; [Over a million bikers have descended on a sleepy South Dakota town](#)