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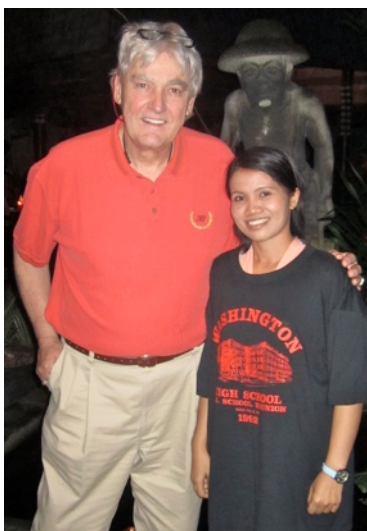
GREETINGS FROM JAKARTA, INDONESIA

This will be a rather abbreviated January O&B since I am on a business trip to Indonesia.

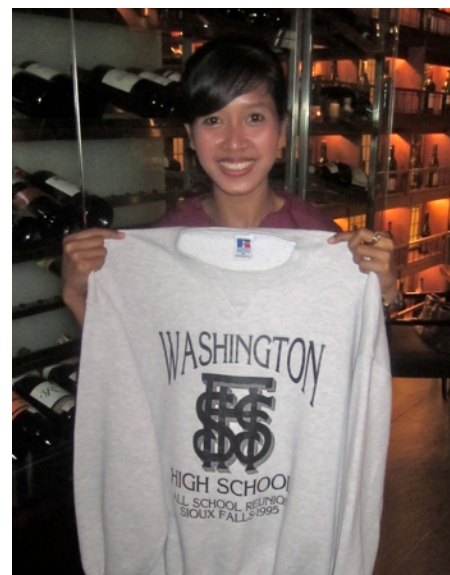


I didn't realize so many Indonesians knew about WHS, but everywhere I go I see WHS t-shirts and sweatshirts. They obviously are very popular here.

Even when my business dealings led me to the beautiful 2005 Miss Indonesia, Imelda Fransisca Sebastian, (see photo below) and her husband, Norman Sebastian they asked how they could obtain a WHS shirt.



Even my waitress at lunch proudly posed with me in her WHS tee shirt.



Sioux Falls Park

The last issue of the O&B, #12-10, featured a wonderful video of Falls Park in Sioux Falls beautifully decorated for the holiday season. They had just had snow and the video was spectacular. Bing Crosby would have been envious. I received more responses on that video than any other single item I have ever published.

All of your letters were totally positive and complimentary to the City of Sioux Falls for the beautiful job they did decorating the park. I was surprised however that it sounded like many of you have never had the opportunity of seeing the new park since its marvelous transition from what we remember from our high school years. Therefore here are some photos I took of the park during a recent reunion. I am sure you will agree that the new Falls Park is indeed beautiful and something all of Sioux Falls should be extremely proud of.



The photo at left shows the observation tower in Falls Park. Elevators take you to the top for grand vista views of the park and much of Sioux Falls. An attractive gift shop occupies the lower level of the tower.







The photographer that took the following pictures last summer following heavy rains is unfortunately unknown. In this tumultuous state the park is perhaps even more beautiful.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Judi Malmborg <Gramjake@HickoryTech.net>

Subject: WHS Alumni Paper

Date: December 7, 2010 1:06:35 PM PST

Jack,

Would you please include me on your mailing list for the WHS Alumni Newsletter? I am Judi K. McDougall (aka as Mac in those days) a 1959 Graduate of WHS and was very active in Band as a majorette and percussionist. I also worked at the Barrell Drive Inn all 4 years of High School. I live in Saint Peter, MN and have for the last 37 years. My husband John Malmborg from Minneapolis went to Gustavus Adolphus College and never left Saint Peter except those days that he had to serve for Uncle Sam. As an entrepreneur John and a friend opened the first Pizza Parlor in Saint Peter which was very successful and then he decided to buy an auto body shop (which was his hobby) which was also very successful until retirement. I did the accounting for John until my job got too demanding.

I didn't go to college until I was 39 but did complete a Computer Operator Program at then Mankato Technical School at age 41. After graduating I worked for Farm Credit in their corporate office for 3 years and then worked for the City of Saint Peter as an Administrative Secretary/Building Permit Technician and served as the Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustments, and Heritage Preservation Commission at their monthly meetings. I retired from the City job in 2004 due to health problems.

My Dad Glen V. "Mac" McDougall was an instructor at WHS from 50-51 and 55 to 68. He taught Industrial arts, welding, plastics, and On The Job Training Program during his time at WHS and then also became the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) in the 60's. He passed away on April 11, 2010 in Sioux Falls. After leaving WHS in the end of the school year in 1968 Dad was a Councilor at Eastern Iowa Community College in Davenport, Iowa until 1975 and then became a business owner first in Davenport of a Tiffany Bakery and then in 1974 at Rapid City, and Spearfish owning Happy Joe's Pizza Parlor's. This being Dec. 7th I must add that we buried my Dad at the Sturgis National Cemetery as he was a WWII Vet thanks to Dec. 7th, 1941 and I was born on Dec. 31. I didn't get to really know my Dad until I was 5 thanks to the War as I'm sure there are many more in my age bracket that experienced the same.

I also had 3 siblings that followed behind me at WHS. Carolyn I. McDougall - 1961 (deceased), Michael G. McDougall, Brandon, SD - 1965 and Patricia (Trish) A. McDougall Hoagland 69 of Broken Arrow, OK she attended Sioux Falls schools K - Jr. and then they moved to Davenport, IA and she graduated from there. My youngest brother Mark O. McDougall, Brookings, SD graduated from Rapid City West High in 1976.

As far oldest educator alive - check out Mr. Lathrop I believe he is up there too. He and his wife were at my Dad's wake and doing very well. I believe he taught History (am not positively sure about the History bit). I think the only worthy news is that of my father for your newspaper and Mr. Lathrop.

I would very much enjoy getting your Alumni Newspaper if possible. Gramjake@HickoryTech.net

Judi K McDougall Malmborg '59

From: Ronald Veenker <rveenker@ec.rr.com>

Subject: Re: O&B Bill Baker '53 Spec. Ed. to '54C

Date: January 6, 2011 1:42:27 PM PST

Wow and wow. What memories of Bill going back before WHS... McKennan park summer night hangouts and the refreshment stand. Sharing porn mini-comics in the bushes by flashlight. I do NOT mean to speak ill of the dead, but that's where I got my sex education before I was 12 yrs old.

Thanks, Jack,
Ron Veenker '54

From: Wallace Boersma <wboersma@hughes.net>

Subject: Re: O&B Sioux Falls' Falls Park to '54C

My dad's shop was a block from the bridge over the river just past the falls. I spent many hours there and almost never saw anyone. In the Spring I speared carp, and what a smell, in the Fall I fished for them with a fly rod built from a kit purchased from Herters. It was a special place, but not very clean. It looks great! There was also a deep granite pit across the road to the East. It was full of sun fish.

Wally Boersma '54

From: Julie Bramkamp <jbramkamp@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Bob Beach

Date: August 29, 2010 8:32:41 PM PDT

To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

Jack: please forward this to Bob Beach.

Bob: I remember my mother coming into my bedroom one night to tell me not to worry but she was going across the street to be with Gladys Beach (I think I remember your mother's name was Gladys). The next morning she told me that your father had been killed in the war. Carol Bielski must have been your aunt? I remember her return from MacArthur's headquarters in Japan after the war. Our families were friends with each other and with the Taylors and Fantles. I remember playing in the street down at 29th and Pender Lane; those were good days when children could go play in the street after dinner in the summertime and no one worried. One evening we climbed a huge tree at the foot of the Fairbank's property (Mrs. Fairbank might have moved by then and someone else owned it)....Anyway that Mr. Someone Else caught us and kicked us out. My brother Gar and you and Sammy Fantle and Sandy Taylor must have been in the same class at Mark Twain. Do you remember, or am I remembering correctly, when Wayne Guftesson (sp) blew off a few fingers on his right hand with a firecracker? I practiced writing with my left hand for weeks after that.

Sam's little sister was Susan? didn't they all have names beginning with S? Evelyn Fantle was at my mother's 95th birthday party. Alice Taylor was not able to be there.

Anyway, I am amazed at how nostalgic this all has made me. Best wishes to you. Julie Kay Olson Bramkamp '53

From: Glen Jamtgaard <glenjamtgaard@yahoo.com>

Subject: Question

Date: August 30, 2010 6:52:04 AM PDT

My brother Ron has been trying to make contact with one of his classmates - Wayne Harris.

Have you ever come across his email address?

Glen Jamtgaard '55

From: Doug Aldrich <Doug.aldrich@comcast.net>

Subject: RE: O&B Special Edition - John Beardsley '55 To '57-'55

Date: September 4, 2010 10:37:44 AM PDT

To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

Jack, While your messages are sometimes sad, they illustrate the wonderful lives of WHS graduates. John belonged to Our Savior's Lutheran kitty-corner from Augie's old main. He had a wonderful singing voice in the choir, and usually cracked us up with his renditions (with those stiff Lutherans) of songs like "Minnie the Mermaid". A great guy and a career and family to boot. Doug Aldrich '57

From: Doug Aldrich <doug.aldrich@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: O&B Sonya Oyan Gedstad '54 Spec. Ed. to '55, '56, '57

Date: January 10, 2011 9:15:48 AM PST

To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

Sonja (along with the rest of the French quintet) was one of the seniors we naive freshmen idolized in band. I remember her vaguely from Mark Twain, but what a gem in WHS! Interestingly, Warren was dating Sonja and drove a 49-50 Merc, as I recall, and they were stopped somewhere in Iowa I believe as suspects in a bank robbery.... What a wonderful couple even then! What a life she lived!!!

Doug Aldrich '57

From: Doug Aldrich <doug.aldrich@comcast.net>

Subject: Sonya and Warren

Date: January 11, 2011 5:35:20 AM PST

To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

Jack, a coda for my other email. I'm on a project in SD for Mines, finishing their new chemical building, thus no access to my WHS annuals. As I recall, both Sonya and Warren were selected as outstanding seniors, and were clearly school leaders. It was so incredible in band, esp as a frosh, to have five people like in the quintet be such outstanding musicians.

I particularly remember that year that the band played Grand Canyon Suite, which featured them as soloists. To know that piece and reflect on Warren's clarinet and Sonya's flute is incredible. We really looked up to them (I was the last French horn, not having any real musical talent), and I don't recall we had such pre-eminent section leaders and soloists again in such profusion.

I never saw Warren and Sonya again, but Veenker did come back to visit the band from AZ or AZ St U. He was telling us about the band practices in the son, playing snare drum since oboes weren't in the marching band. So it was good to read about him again....I don't know what Tommy Knutson did.

Of course, Wayne Burk was a mentor for me in college at Mines, belonging to the same fraternity. I took over his job at the Leather Shop on Phillips for 3 years, but didn't play in the city band like he did. My mother went to school at WHS with Ardeen Foss, so he probably gave me a gift by calling up and asking me to join the band. I hadn't at the beginning of the year, because I thought high school was all studying. Not all of our educations occur in the classroom.

It's funny how memories persist of those early years, but Sonya and Warren are two wonderful ones, so fleeting.

Best wishe, Jack, and thank you for those memories!

Doug Aldrich '57

From: Jim Adams <adamswest@earthlink.net>

Subject: Re: O&B Sonya Oyan Gedstad '54 Spec. Ed. to '54B

Date: January 10, 2011 12:17:33 PM PST

To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

She was my first date! I was 12 or 13 and my dad drove us to a Mark Twain dance.

Jim Adams '54

1956 CLASS REUNION

Paul Jeschke '56 wrote to inform me that the Class of '56 reunion committee has scheduled a social hour and dinner on Saturday, July 30, 2011. At this time, a Saturday night social hour and dinner is the only activity being planned. If anyone has a suggestion or request for something additional: Pavilion tour, golf, Sunday coffee or anything else you think of), please let us know. Send your requests to one of the following:

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