

# ORANGE & BLACK

NO 11 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS of 1954, SIOUX FALLS, SD 2009

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*Doesn't this beautiful picture of Phillips Avenue decorated for Christmas and with lots of snow bring back wonderful memories and a bit of homesickness for those of us who have moved away?*

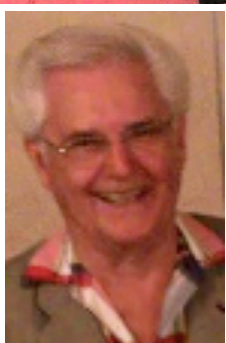
Photo Note: Would the person that sent me this great photo please identify yourself so I can give you credit for it in the next O & B. From the movie that was playing at the State Theater that night, "The Legend of Lylah Clare", starring Kim Novak, it was probably taken in 1968.



# Saturday and Sunday photos from our 55th Reunion.



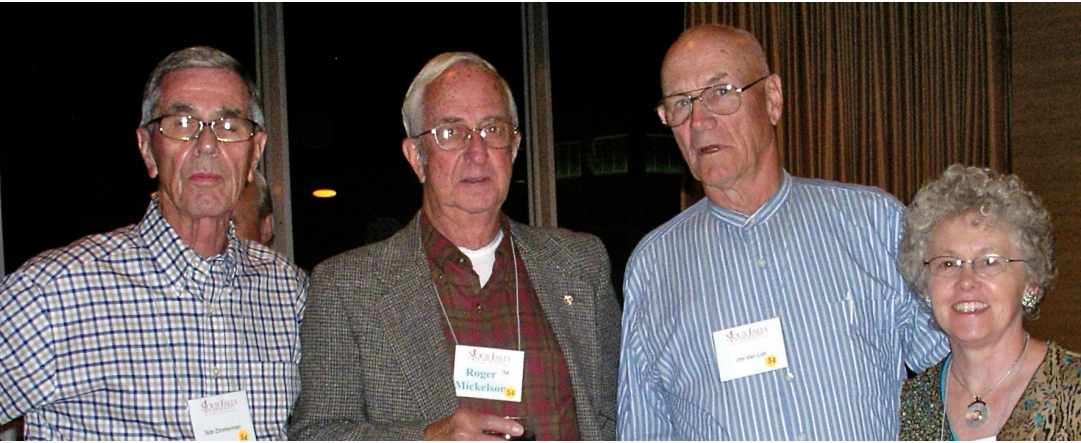


















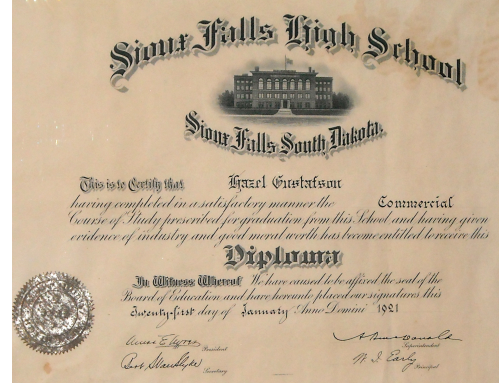




## FROM DISCOVERY TO RECOVERY

During our 55th Reunion tour of the Washington Pavilion, Roger Mickelson was astounded to find his mother's 1921 Sioux Falls High School diploma displayed just inside the door to the alumni room--a classroom now housing many artifacts from Sioux Falls High School and Washington High School days of yore. What were the odds? Of perhaps 20,000 to 30,000 graduates, how had **that** diploma been selected for display? More interestingly, where did it come from, since Roger had never seen it before?

After discussing the find with Gary Wood, the CEO of the Pavilion, Roger asked him to forward a request to reclaim the never-before-seen diploma. Some days later, Ruth Atkins, the alumni volunteer coordinator, called Roger and discussed shipping options. When the arrangements were agreed to, Ruth sent the diploma, which is now prominently displayed on a wall in Roger's home in Albuquerque. His mom had been very proud to have completed high school...she may have been the first person in her family to graduate. The reunion was very well attended, and this unusual discovery and recovery scenario was a highlight, particularly for Roger.



### NON CLASSMATE OBITUARIES:

Classmate, **Corrine Albright Ludwig**, lost her husband, **Charles W. Ludwig**, on October 26, 2009. The same week that Charlie died, classmate **Beverly Caesar Baartman**, lost her 20 year old granddaughter. From the class of '52, **Bob Mannion**, died on November 26, 2009, in Boulder, CO where he and his wife Lucy had been in the bar/restaurant business for 45 years.



Please allow me a moment to sincerely wish each of you, my dear and cherished classmates, a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

**DON'T FORGET OUR  
All-Class Reunion June 25 - 27, 2010.**



**Jack, Santa and Debra sending our best wishes to each of you at this most wonderful time of the year.**