

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

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Class of '52 Celebrates 60 Years!

Their Recent Sioux Falls Reunion was a Great Success!



Thanks to Gene's Studio owner, Stephen Parezo, for granting the O&B permission to print this photo.

*Gene's
Studio*

Front Row: (left to right) Carol Ann Udseth Kaus, Donna Bishop Landsman, Steve Sugrue, Betty Holmoe Pfeifle, Bonnie Fisher Irvine, Ken Busness, Joan Hansen Burkholder, Irene Morrill, Barbara Donnelly Telkamp, Onealee Parsons Hartz

Middle Row: (left to right) Marilyn Fredrickson Watson, Mary Lou Donahue Bethke, Harley Newman, Joan Erickson Bakke, Hazel Krontstad Janisch, Marlene Anderson Marquesen, Judy Jacobson Hamilton, Shirley Lease Kay, Peter Vossos, Betty Walker Coffey, Evelyn Berger Sehr, Luella Buckley Baumgartner, Helen Smith Olsen, Joan Gustafson Brown

Back Row: (left to right) Jim Canada, Bill Frank, Don Veglahn, Gene Janisch, Tom Lemonds, Trudy Aker Peckham, John Peckham, Gene Tornow, Richard Mriden, Wally Klawiter, Jerry Moen, Bob Portice, Duane Hennings, Ed Knutson, Dave Olson, Dono Doescher

Thanks to Donna Bishop Landsman '52 & several others for sending this great photo of the class of '52's 60th reunion.



Wally Klawiter '52, left, being presented an award by John Peckham '52, for Wally's 60 years of service as 1952 class secretary. Great job Wally! You have been appreciated by so many!

I would like to share the following very kind reply to my request for permission to reprint the 60th reunion photo of the class of '52 from, Stephen Parezo, owner of Gene's Studio in Sioux Falls,.

As you can see, Stephen not only granted me permission to reprint the photo, he also generously sent me a digital file of the original image so I could reprint the best possible quality of the photo.

I just hope my finished product doesn't jeopardize that quality. When I finish each O&B newsletter, it's file size is so large I have to export the file to reduce it's size so all of the many different computers I send it to can open it.

Jack, thanks for your inquiry and doing things the right way! Because of this and your willingness to give us photo credit, I have attached a digital file of the original image for your intended use. This should provide you with a high quality image for your publication.

Nice work Jack, and have a great day!

Stephen Parezo, Owner, Gene's Studio.

In case you are interested, according to "Google", Gene Claseman established Gene's Studio in Sioux Falls in 1940 and I suspect most of us had our senior photos taken by Gene's Studio in the '50's. I know I did.

Stephen Parezo, the current owner went to work and started training under Claseman in 1972 and then purchased the business in 1980. Rather impressive don't you think that just two owners have been giving such excellent service to the Sioux Falls community for 72 years. Gene's Studio is now located at 5010 South Minnesota. **It seems, Gene's Studio, has just always been a good friend to WHS. Thank you Stephen!**



Thanks to Floy Brown Newman '54 for submitting the 11 photos above taken at the class of '52's 60th reunion and to Donna Bishop Landsman for helping identify each person.

#1 Evelyn Berger Schr '52 & Betty Walker Coffey '52, #2 Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 & Harley Newman '52, #3 Judy Jacobson Hamilton '52, #4 Janet Klawiter (Not WHS) & Harry Poletes '52, #5 Dan Robar '52 & Joan Erickson Bakke '52, #6 Mike McNerney '52, #7 Onealee Parsons Hartz '52, #8 John Peckham '52 & Trudy Aker Peckham '52, #9 Luella Buckley Baumgartner '52 & Helen Smith Olsen '52, #10 Al Klaudt '52, #11 Shirley Mriden (Not WHS) & Dick Mriden '52.

“BOY’S OF ’57”

Report by Mike Rich ‘57



Left to right: John Simko, Tom Johnson, Ron Beck, Ralph Scheinost, John Armstrong, Mark Line, Gary Conradi, Chad Boese, Pete Hegg, Terry Robinson, Palmer Peterson, Arlen Knutson, Jack Walkins, Mike Rich, Larry Gleeson, Ron Warren, Rick Devereaux, Archie Stutenroth, Thane Johnso, Chuck Velure.

For the 10th year running, “The Boys of 57” gathered at the Circle H Ranch June 8th to 10th hosted by Pete Hegg. The gala weekend was preceded by dinner Thursday night at Minerva’s in Sioux Falls. Two first time attendees, John Armstrong and Jack Walkins, were initiated in an august ceremony presided over by Judge John Simko assisted by his acolyte, Mike Rich, in which the new members solemnly swore to uphold the high moral standards required of all of the “Boys.” Highlights of the weekend included a visit to the National Outhouse Museum in Gregory, South Dakota, golf at the Gregory Golf and Country Club, rumored to be the site of the 2013 U.S. Open, Sporting Clays (no alcohol related mishaps), and Pitch, in which the team of Simko and Rich bested (to be charitable) the team of Devereaux and Velure. Regretfully, the Larry Gleeson Invitational Horse Shoe Toss had to be scratched this year due to high winds. The Boys are looking forward to next year when Archie Stutenroth promises to hold forth on various techniques for making oatmeal.

By the way, we’re thinking of the following events for next year:

Free Style Bore Off: Contestants will compete in the area of long, meandering dissertations and reminiscences. Winner will be determined on the basis of overall length, obtuseness and utter pointlessness, and number of digressions and non sequiturs employed. Extra points will be awarded for putting listeners to sleep. Forgetting what you just said or forgetting the point of your exposition will result in automatic disqualification. In order to ensure a level playing field, Larry Gleeson has agreed not to compete in this category.

Oatmeal Open: A *mano a mano* competition for best oatmeal recipe. Entrants will compete in two divisions: “Instant” and “Old Fashion.” There is no limit on the number or variety of ingredients so long as one of them is actually oatmeal and the others can be gummed. Self proclaimed oatmeal connoisseur and professional oatmeal chef, Archie Stutenroth, is banned from this competition.

Medical Maladies: Competitors will be judged on the number of medical ailments suffered, procedures endured and the most disgusting symptoms. Anecdotes concerning good looking nurses will be considered in the scoring without regard to whether they are actually true. Prurience is a plus. Separate awards will be given for the longest surgical scar and largest kidney stone.

Flomax 500: This will be a two part competition: Part I consists of staying awake after dinner. One point will be awarded for staying awake until 8:00 p.m. with one additional point awarded for each half-hour thereafter up to a maximum of 5 points. Contestants found to be awake after 10:00 p.m. will be immediately suspended from competition and tested for performance enhancing substances. Post prandial naps on the afternoon of the competition are permitted. Handicaps will be established based on time zone of origin, e.g., West Coast entrants will begin with a -4 handicap; East Coast will begin with a +2 handicap. Extra points will be awarded for snoring based on volume and complexity. Drooling will result in immediate disqualification. In Part II contestants will be graded on the length of time they can remain in bed before having to get up to go to the bathroom. Contestants found to be wearing Depends will be immediately disqualified.

Mike Rich ‘57

A VOW KEPT 40 YEARS LATE

By Some Ladies of The Class of '58

In 1958, seven good friends graduated from Washington High School. (Many had been together through elementary, junior high and high school.) At the time of graduation, they made a vow to meet in two years (1960) on top of the Empire State Building. Little did they know that they would keep that vow, only 40 years late!

These friends have kept in touch throughout the years, some graduating college, all getting married and raising children, some getting divorced and remarried. The group consists of: **Rose (Brown) Oyler '58, Omaha, NE; Diana (Vestergard) Thorpe '58, San Jose, CA; Grace (Trautman) Farrand '58, Billings, MT; Jeannene (Reaves) Libby '58, Onida, SD; Joyce (Tornow) Briggs '58, Sundance, WY; Barbara (Fitzgerald) Songstad '58, San Jose, CA; and Roberta (Stevenson) Watson '58, Plano, TX.**

The gals have kept their friendship current with phone calls, Christmas cards and get-togethers when any were in the Sioux Falls area. They began getting together in 1987 in San Jose, CA and at that time decided to travel together, hopefully, every three years. Since then travels include: 1990-Cayman Islands; 1994-Las Vegas, NV; 1997-Big Sky, MT; 2000-New York City; 2003 Colorado Rockies; 2006-Seattle, WA; 2010-Fort Myers, FL and 2011-Sundance, WY and the Black Hills. An individual volunteers to plan each trip, making hotel and airline arrangements as well as sightseeing and social activities. Today e-mail makes trip planning so much easier.

As you can see from the above-mentioned trip (and picture) to New York City, their vow to meet at the Empire State Building finally came true in 2000. These gals are still going strong and thinking about a trip to northern Minnesota in the next couple years.

Thanks to Joyce Tornow Briggs '58 & Grace Trautman Farrand '58 for submitting this story & photos.



**Joyce
Tornow
Briggs '58**



**Roberta
Stevenson
Watson '58**



**Barb
Fitzgerald
Songstad '58**



**Rose
Brown
Oyler '58**



**Diana
Vestergard
Thorpe '58**



**Grace
Trautman
Farrand '58**



**Jeannene
Reaves
Libby '58**



**Picnic in Spearfish Canyon, SD (2011) - left to right
Barbara (Fitzgerald) Songstad, Diana (Vestergard)
Thorpe, Joyce (Tornow) Briggs, Roberta
(Stevenson)Watson, Rose (Brown) Oyler, Jeannene
(Reaves) Libby, Grace (Trautman) Farrand**



**Rafting in Colorado (2003) - left to right
Thorpe, Libby, Briggs, Songstad, Farrand, Watson**



Top of the Empire State Building (2000) - left to right
 Thorpe, Briggs, Songstad, Watson, Libby, Farrand



Rafting in Big Sky, MT (1997) - left to right
 (two instructors in the back) Briggs, Farrand, Thorpe,
 Songstad and Watson (underwater)



Left: SilverPlume, CO (2003) left to right Thorpe,
 Songstad, Briggs, Watson, Farrand, Libby



Above: Taking a limo in Seattle (2006) - left to right
 Thorpe, Bonnie (Olson) Dinsmore (Not WHS),
 Songstad, Oyler, Briggs, Watson, Farrand



Above: Cayman Islands (1990)
 Back row: Thorpe, Reynolds, Songstad
 Middle row: Oyler, Briggs, Farrand
 Front row: Karen (Armstrong) Fleming
 (Not WHS), Libby, Watson End



Bob Bittner '50
 WHS Senior Photo

Lets All Wish Bob Bittner '50, A Belated Happy 80th Birthday.

Dear Jack, Hi! My name is Anna Quam and my dad is Bob Bittner. He just celebrated his 80th birthday on April 11. He had a celebration with my mom, sisters, and grandchildren, but we are having a bigger one for him this summer when I am able to travel back to South Dakota. Anyway, your name came up as a special friend of his. We are trying to make this a wonderful day for him. We want to throw him a "card shower" by having everyone who has been special in his life send him a card. I was wondering if you would be able to mail him a card...I know he would love to hear from you. A lot of people have already sent him one so if you do, you can send one now or around the time we have his party which is the end of July. Also, I am putting together messages and stories of how his friends met him and special memories they have. I would love to hear how you know dad and some memories you have of him. You can email me or even send it directly to him. Either way is fine. Here is his contact information and mine:

Bob Bittner: 4509 East Oak, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 605-371-2443 Email: mbittner47@sio.midco.net
 Mine: Anna Quam 4409 Growler Circle, Silverdale, WA 98383 360-271-9091 Email: annaq@cksd.wednet.edu

Thanks, Jack, for helping out. I sure appreciate it. Take care.
 Anna



**Dick Kelly '58
WHS Senior Photo.**

Jack, I can't imagine getting, let alone reading, 200 emails every day. My hat's off to you for your effort and many alumni thanks. Since you were looking for stories, I thought I would share mine since it is one few, if any, 50's decade have experienced. In fact if there are any out there that have had a heart transplant, I would like to hear from them at dickmkelly@yahoo.com.

In 2004, just two months after pedaling the 109 Mickelson Trail from Hot Springs to Deadwood over three days, I was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), cause unknown. In spring of 2005 after the legislative session, I had a pacemaker/defib implanted. By summer of 2010 my condition had worsened to the point my cardiologist suggested I go to Fairview/University of Minnesota for an evaluation. Arriving there in late July for an evaluation, I was immediately put in the hospital and a week later had open heart surgery to implant a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) as a bridge to transplant. For the next year I would wear a controller and two batteries plus carrying a back-up in a bag (in case of failure). At night I was plugged into the house current. Let me tell you, it was a very uncomfortable year, but it was keeping me alive and somewhat mobile. I was also put on the heart transplant list as a One B which meant there were many others ahead of me in the region. Only Mayo, Fairview, and Abbott do heart transplant in the SD, ND, and MN region. At my appointment in Minneapolis in June of 2011, Dr. Masri put me back on the One A status, which was the most critical condition. At 2 AM on July 16, I received a call from the transplant coordinator at Fairview and she said "we have a heart for you". I woke my wife, Mary, and the house went nuts. She woke our son who was temporarily residing here, and called our daughter and another son. I might say I was very calm amidst all the excitement. Since they wanted me up there within a couple of hours, Mary and I jumped (walked slowly) on the Sanford air ambulance and pulled up to the ER at Fairview at 4:30 AM. I was admitted and then had to wait 12 hours until they were able to recover the Donor heart. What a wonderful legacy for someone to leave.

The surgery lasted 12 hours and the next 24 hours were the most critical. But everything went well, I suffered no pain and 10 days later Dr. Masri released me to go back to Sioux Falls on the condition I don't drive and return every week for a heart cath and biopsy. I made about 10 trips to Minneapolis over the 5 months and continue now on a bi-monthly basis. I was back to work at my County Commissioner duties by late August and feeling much better. I am back to where I was 6-7 years ago, doing yard work, walking, and working and totally enjoying **my second chance for life**. I have met other LVAD and transplant recipients in this area. There are only 2,400 heart transplants done in the US each year, but the demand is much, much greater. If you are not marked as a donor on your drivers license now I encourage you to do so. Even at our age, many lives can be saved by the gift of many organs other than the heart. One person can save over 40 others with life-threatening issues. The insurance coverage I received through Medicare, Wellmark supplemental, and Part D was excellent. And I cannot begin to thank God enough for the blessings He has given me and my family through the work of his surgeons hands and my rapid and complete recovery. Our medical system in this country is not broken.

I apologize for the length of this, it's hard to be concise.

Keep up the good work keeping our classes informed.

Dick Kelly,
WHS 1958

Dick Kelly '58, His Amazing Heart Transplant. Congratulations Dick & Mary! We Are So Glad You Are Still With Us!



**Dick '58 and Mary Swift '66 Kelly are able to enjoy their beautiful back yard on So. 3rd Ave in Sioux Falls much more peacefully now that Dick has his new heart.
What a truly wonderful gift.**

What a GREAT story Dick! Thanks for sharing it with us all. It definitely gets a
5 ☆☆☆☆☆ Rating!

Richard “Gary” Norbraten ’54, - Still Flying High!

Gary submitted this story on he and his son, Terry’s, participation in the annual Palm Springs Fly In. Gary has always stayed very active in his love for aviation.

For the third year in a row, my son, Terry Norbraten, and I attended the Palm Springs (California) Air Museum’s T34 “Mentor” fly-in. Terry flew a “B” model Mentor out of the Monterey Navy Flying Club to Gillespie Field, El Cajon, California, where we were joined by several other pilots and their planes and flew in a loose formation to Palm Springs, arriving the afternoon of March 20th.

All told, we had 11 Mentors participating from California and Arizona, including a contingent from the flying club of the old March Air Force Base near Riverside.

On Saturday, we could squeeze in only two morning performances because, by mid-day, the winds had kicked up so much that our flight leader cancelled flights until Sunday.

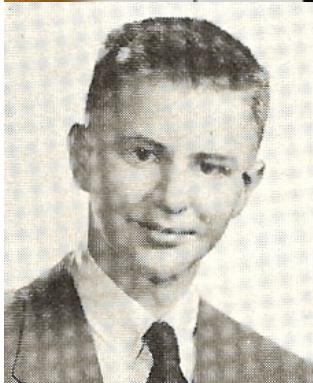
On Sunday, we did three performances for the museum patrons, including formation flying with low passes over the runway.

My job was to sit in the back of our plane, fully restrained by lap and shoulder harness, and attempt not to bang my head on the canopy as the winds bounced us up and down.

If anyone is in the vicinity of Palm Springs next year, it’s a great show to view, and the museum has excellent displays of aircraft and other static displays, many from World War II.



Left: Here we are with our Mentor on the flight line of Palm Springs Air Museum. I’m standing on the tarmac, and son Terry, the pilot, is on the left wing. Photo copyright 2012 by Eric Van Gilder, a.k.a. “Shooter,” the air show official photographer.



Gary Norbraten
'54
WHS Senior
Photo



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Doug Aldrich '57
WHS Senior Photo

1957 - On May 13, 2012, at 1:15 PM Peggy Teslow '57, pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

Congratulations, **Doug Aldrich '57**. During the recent 50th class reunion for many of our class at SDSM, RapidCity, SD, Doug Aldrich received the Pop March medal for outstanding service to SD School of Mines & Technology during his time as an alumni.
From: Peggy Teslow '57

1959 - On May 25, 2012, at 6:12 PM, Vicki Brubaker '59 wrote:

Jack - Once again, my thanks to you for taking the time and effort to make it possible for us to remember those that have passed.....we might not have had any of this information without your efforts.

Most of us in the 50's graduation era are truly getting a bit older now (although we don't want to admit it) and I, personally, like to say a silent prayer for those that we knew throughout those wonderful years that have gone before us. I like to think of them as helping to prepare a place for us to join them some day.

Thanks again for your diligent work in making it possible for us to have this information.
Blessings to you and yours,
Vicki Brubaker 59'

1959 - On Apr 26, 2012, at 3:14 PM, PeggyDenn@aol.com wrote:
Hi Jack...

It's so sad to hear about all the people I grew up with die. I grew up with Rick Johnson who lived up the street when I lived on E. 12th. Rick was our paper boy for years too. And his little brother Sheridan was such a cute kid. We palled around with the same group of kids and it was so good and innocent back then. Everybody hung out in our back yard.

I was in several classes with Janice and Junice Robb too.

Barbara Butts was older than me but our families all knew each other. I was the same age as her brother Jack who died. We went through every single grade from Kdg through high school. Barb and Jack's brother Don was a year or two older too. Gosh I love reading your "memory pages". It's even fun to read about ones I never knew. It always bring me back in time... and updates me. I still have my old Buzz books. :)

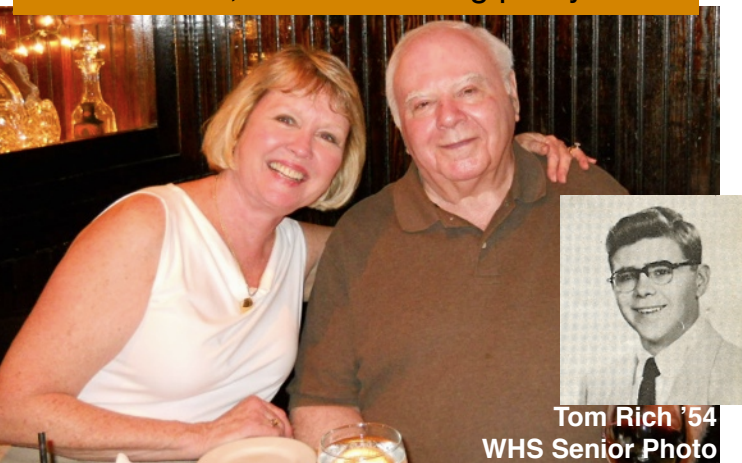
I would really Love to go to an all-school reunion if you decide to have one again. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into all these mailings Jack! I for one really appreciate it.

Peggy Bridenstine Denn 1959



Peggy Bridenstine '59
WHS
Sophomore
Photo.

Tom Rich '54, still entertaining pretty ladies.



Tom Rich '54
WHS Senior Photo

1954 - Photo at left submitted by Tom's younger brother, Mike '57. Jack: Here's a photo of Tom with our Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, who was in New York City the week of June 11th to participate in an oral history project sponsored by the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in Manhattan. The 9-11 investigation and prosecution was a joint effort of the U.S. Attorneys for the Eastern District of Virginia and the Southern District of New York. Tom offered to wine and dine EAUSA Kathi Kahoe and our Victim/Witness Coordinator, Karen Spinks, while there. As usual Tom winds up with the pretty girls.
Mike Rich '57

1959 - On May 26, 2012, at 1:18 PM, **Gary Roddel '59** wrote about **South Sioux Falls School**:
Jack, I have been remiss in not contacting you earlier to thank you for all the work you do in putting the O & B news together. You do a terrific job for the benefit of many. It is very enjoyable for me to hear a little about some of my friends back at WHS since we moved from Sioux Falls shortly after Marcia and I were married in 1962. Of course it became WSHS when we were there because our class of '59 was the last freshman class to enter the school back at the time of the opening of the middle schools in Sioux Falls.

I also appreciate the yearly 'Deceased Classmates' listing that you have put together. It is never fun when you see some of your friends' names appear but it does prompt some very special memories when we pause to think about them.

I had attended South Sioux Grade School and was thrilled to see several of those 8th grade classmates during our 50th WHS class reunion in '09. Bernita (Hagen) Greiner even came up with an eight grade class picture which she willingly shared with several of us after that WHS reunion and it included all the names of those classmates.

One of those names came to mind again when I saw it on the deceased listing for '59. It is listed there as Willis Cowill. He was one of those 'South Sioux' classmates and the spelling of his last name didn't look quite right. I checked the three WHS annuals that I have and it is listed as 'Colwill' in each of them. Just thought you might like to update it on your list.

Thanks, again for all you do to keep us informed.

Gary Roddel
WSHS Class of '59

Editor's Note: It took me awhile to figure out that I think "WSHS" stands for Washington Senior High School. That certainly has a different ring to it doesn't it? It looks like So. Sioux Falls had nicer desks than we did at Emerson. And the kids sure look better behaved. Maybe better behaved kids got better desks? Sure a great picture! Thanks Gary and Bernita.



First Row (Front to Back) Shirley Matoya, Daryl Hagen, Second Row Jan Karstens, Violet Redenius, Charles Munce, Joyce Aasen, Third Row, Don Luymes, Bernita Hagen, Anita Prilwitz, Leone Sundby, Jerry Jencks, Fourth Row, Brad Forester, Correne Furfend, Rita Mundt, Gary Orris, Fifth Row, Jim May, Gary Roddel, Sigred Shwab, Haskell Bee, Patsy Little, Sixth Row, Larry Plucker, Sharon Simpson, Jim Johnson, Dorrene Lueth, Seventh Row, Billy Farrel, Karen Lukes, Elroy Limmer, Willis Colwell, Jim Hausman, Eighth Row, Belva Muecke, Dale Johnson, Judy Mader, Dale Larson, Jim Lape. Standing in rear is the 8th grade teacher in 1955, Mr. Robert Caselli who served as principal of WSHS a few years later.

Thanks to Gary Roddel & Bernita Hagen Greiner '59 for making this great photo available to the O&B.



Donna Bishop '52
WHS Senior Photo.

1952 - On May 28, 2012, at 5:52 PM, **donna landsman '52** wrote:

Hi Jack, We just had the reunion last week-end, (19 & 20) We toured the new WHS and we highly recomend others doing this. The principal and coach gave an excellent tour. We ate at the Falls Park at noon and then they went to the Washington Parvilion. Our evening meal was a no host at Ramada. We had a nice space to gather and visit. Ramada did not charge us for this area. We had DVD's playing of our past reunions. Then Sunday, we had a huge buffet breakfast at Ramada and then we went across the street to see the 2012 WHS graduates get their diplomas, which only took one hour and ten minutes, for about 1400 graduates!! Then we went back to Ramada for more visiting and departed. They want another reunion in 5 years so we are setting a goal to have another one. We had over 60 at this one including spouses or friends. We made booklets with surveys of our class telling what has happened since 1952. We had 97 returns and they are priceless and free to our class. It is a nice way to use some of our money. A good time was had by all!!! So until 2017, we will meet again. **Donna (Bishop) Landsman '52**



Marlys Ahrendt '57
WHS Senior Photo

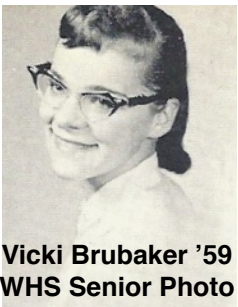
1957 - On May 25, 2012, at 12:53 PM, Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57
Marlysanna@aol.com wrote:

Hi Jack,
FYI

I recently attended the Area Foundation's Scholarship Award banquet. Our recipient for WHS was the number one person (girl, of course) in a class of 501.

Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57

Note: This year's winner of our Washington High School Alumni Scholarship is Erin Willadsen. She will be attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln this fall to study Education or Architecture. In addition to excelling in the classroom, Erin was also a member of the softball, track and dance teams. It sounds like our money is being well invested. Thanks Marlys for keeping us informed.



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 31, 2012, at 9:22 AM, Vicki Brubaker '59 wrote:

SEE WE NOT ONLY GREW UP IN THE GREATEST CITY OF THEM ALL - BUT NOW WE CAN ALL FLOOD BACK THERE!!!!

Click on this site to see how Sioux Falls ranks for seniors to live.

[What cities are best for seniors? Try Provo, Sioux Falls I Indianapolis Star I indystar.com](#)



Jeff Herbert '74
and
WHS Teacher
For Over 20 Years

See The Current WHS Orange & Black

Jeff Herbert, WHS Class of 1974, and WHS teacher for over 20 years sent me this web site for the current Washington High School Newspaper. www.whsnow.com. Check it out. Very interesting and still a great newspaper! Pretty much Jeff's entire family has, is or will either attend or teach at WHS starting with his Dad, Kenny Herbert '43 and his uncle, Jim Herbert '49.

Jeff Herbert '74 is also chairman of this years, Nov. 2nd, "WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet". See full story next page.

WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

November 2, 2012

Jeff Herbert '74, Chairman of this year's banquet has asked that I let all of you know that the date for the banquet this year is November 2nd. It is truly a great event and both he and I hope you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

Bob Amundson '56 will be one of the inductees this year. Jeff told me, *"it is very important to me that we not forget someone from the 40's and 50's who should be at least considered for induction. We also accept contributions and the donator will have his/her name in the program."*

So please consider both nominating someone if you think their WHS athletic contributions are deserving of this most honorable recognition and then consider supporting this wonderful event with a cash contribution.

Members of the Athletic Hall of Fame

Inductees

1995

Coaches

Howard Wood
Elmer Hansen
Bob Burns

Athletic Director

Wallace "Wally" Diehl

Athletes

Fred Davis
Theodore "T.R." Johnson
Dale Palmer
Emil Bendush
Dick West
Fred Hecker
Dick Callahan
Dan Dummermuth
JoElle Byre-Benson

Coaches

Amie Bauer
Grant Heckenlively

Contributors

Clarence R. "C.R." Beck
Ken Kessinger

Athletes

Reuben Bragstad
Claude Hamilton
Pierce McDowell
R.D. "Dick" Richards
Harry "Bud" Carleton
John Simko
John Odney
Dave Dummermuth
Rick Leslie

1997

Coaches

Dick Day
Dean Mann

Contributors

Fred Claudon
Doug Evans
Dr. Paul Reagan

Athletes

Dwight "Twist" Redfield
Bob Johnson
Don Masker
John Peckham
Jim Luce
Jon Gapa
Dave Bakke
Lori Shumaker-Warne
Kris Tschetter

2004 Inductees

Coaches

Lolly Forseth
Joe McMacken

Athletes

Darold Erickson
Jim Johnson
Gary Evjen
Paul Halstenson
Shelly Stewart Brenner
Mario Galindo
Kari Soyland Wiley

2005 Inductees

R.A. Hansen,
Elaine Luce, Ray Wellman, Vickie Douthit (daughter of Don Douthit), Dick Wold, (back) Roger Wardlow, Randy Pascoe, Pamela A. Porter, Aaron Miedema and Kristi Rieger

1998

Contributors

Robert E. Caselli
Forrest & Veva Lothrop

Athletes

Carl Meyer
Dan Dworsky
Jack Neuroth
John C. VanderWoude
David Gustafson
Barry Nagel
Rochelle Heirigs-Wurth

1999

Contributors

Dennis "Doc" Thompson
Lorraine A. Norman

Athletes

Barry A. French
Don Allan
Buddy Edelen
Bud Werner
Jim DeSaix
Michael R. Peiper
Ann C. Pancoast
Jon R. Harris

2000

Coach

Baltus "Fritz" Fritzemeier

Contributor

John Egan

Athletes

Gene Hetland
Justin L. Berger
Robert D. Berguin
Jim Jensen
Scott Purdy
Luther Hippe
Randy Leslie

2001

Contributors

Jim Burt
Bruce Conley

Athletes

Walter Carlton Leyse
E. J. "Dutch" Haaland
Chris Sandvig Dummermuth
Brad Cray
Linda Pyn Bickett
Scott L. Boyens
John Legel

2002

Contributors

Dr. John Harris

Administrator

Ben Rossow

Athletes

Geoffrey Hall
Spencer Brende
Dan Westerlund
James Breit
Rich Harris
Steve Porter
Kiersta Speaker Machacek

2003

Contributor

Robert Wood

Administrator

Don Erickson

Athletes

Art Kilness
George McKeon
Don Renner
Jerry Crider
Ron Mitchell
Bob Friess
Chad Anderson

2006 Inductees

Athletes

Royhl Ebert • 1961-65
Leo "Duke" Papas • 1957-61
John Eggers • 1961-64
Scott Sandvig • 1968-71
Mark Smidt • 1976-79
Sarah Zimmer • 1980-84
David Gellerman • 1981-84

Coaches

Doug Tschetter • 1970-90
Joe Lockwood • 1965-87

2007 inductees

Ken Noel, Tom Graham, Chad Konop, Barry Hermanson, Arwin Schmeichel and Jennifer Breun.

2008 Inductees

Chrtis Burdette (1930), Duane Leach (1953), Willard Bishop (1958), Bob Baker (1958), Lynn Reding (1983) and Leslie Pederson-Mershon (1991)

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2009 Inductees

Athletes:

- Ron Jacobson

(1957-60; track and cross country)

- Terry Comstock

(1959-62; golf and basketball)

- Dan Parker

(1969-72; football and wrestling)

- Tom Smook

(1971-74; track, football and basketball)

- Mike Tuttle

(1976-79; track and cross country)

- Monica Hulstein-Fehrs

(1984-87; track and cross country)

Coach:

- Gary Healy

(1980-81; golf)

Contributors:

- Craig Stolze

(Argus Leader sports editor 1953-63)

- Ed Livingston

(Official and mentor 1922-59)

2010 Inductees

Barry Bomhoff- ad

Jim Heinitz-fb

George Mickelson-fb

John Moller-fb

Craig Knowlton-fb

Stacy Sandvig Sanders-tr

Deanna Darr Wermers-ten

Dan Goeman-bb

2011 Inductees

Dale Hart-

Contributor(MC)-2002,2005-2010

Wayne Carney-

Administrator-1994-2001

Athletes

Roy Rollinger-fb,bb -1929

Ted Kessinger- fb-1959

Bill Bruns-bb-1961

Jeff Wepking-bb-1971

Catie Tobin-track-1977

Nancy Allen-bb,vb-1983

Shad Carney-bb,fb-2001

GO WARRIORS!



Washington High School Fight/School Songs

Original - 1920

Onward Sioux Falls

*Onward Sioux Falls, Onward Sioux Falls
You're the best of all,
All the happy days we've spent here,
We will oft recall.
For you colors Black and Orange,
We will gladly die,
And we will fight, fight, fight,
For Sioux Falls High.*

New version in 1965

WHS School Song

Onward Warriors, Onward Warriors-
You're the best of all,
All the happy days we've spent here,
We will oft recall.
For you colors Black and Orange,
We will gladly die,
And we will fight, fight, fight,
For Washington High.*

** 1930 was the first year the name "Warriors" appeared as the
nickname for the Washington High School athletic teams.*



Deceased Classmates Listed On Multiple Class Lists.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As maybe most of you know, twice a year I publish 10 updated deceased lists, one for each WHS class from 1950 through 1959. The first publication date is always on Memorial Day and the second is at Christmas. Immediately after the publication of these lists I always receive several nice letters from classmates pointing out that some deceased classmates are listed on more than one class list. Below is a typical response letter that I write to each person that contacts me on the subject. I am sure many more of you have noticed the duplication, but just have not gotten around to writing, so I am publishing this response letter to try and explain why it happens and the reason I think it is proper to list some classmates with two classes. If you have questions or comments on this policy please know that I am always glad to hear from you.
Jack Phillips '54

Dear _____,

Thanks for your letter pointing out that (classmate's name) is listed on two different class's deceased list. When I first started publishing the Alumni version of the Orange and Black for the '50s decade I ran into several issues that required decisions to be made on how those issues would be handled. As always, some solutions were simpler than others to solve.

This issue of confusion and uncertainty about which class year someone belonged in was one of the more difficult issues to decide on the best way to handle it. And, the problem was arising among a surprisingly significant number of classmates. I considered the problem for a long time and even consulted classmates of many of those people in question for second opinions.

The original case that came up was sort of the "landmark case" and it helped me set the policy. It involved a fairly good friend of mine, Fred Sykes, from the class of '53 and my class of '54. I, and I think everyone who knew Fred, knew he was definitely in the class of '53. His senior photo even appeared with the senior class in the 1953 yearbook. But for some reason, Fred did not graduate with the class of '53, he graduated with my class of '54. He is listed in our class of '54 Commencement Program and as a result his name has always been included as a member of the 1954 class.

I assure you, I thought a great deal about how to handle this type of scenario. I knew there would be other similar situations in the 10 years of deceased lists that I try to maintain. And sure enough there has been. Ray Syverson, another friend of mine, is another perfect example. Ray was definitely a member of the 1955 class and I think he will always be considered a member of the class of '55 by the majority of his friends and classmates. But Ray actually graduated a year later with the class of '56.

You also mentioned Jerry Hagen in your letter. Jerry is another perfect example. He is pictured with the seniors in the 1956 yearbook so I would think that he was really a member of that class during his first 4 years of high school. But he evidently didn't graduate in '56 and was then listed under, "Seniors Without Pictures", in the 1957 yearbook. I would bet that his name would appear with the class of '57 in the 1957 Commencement Program.

Therefore, after considering the situation long and hard I came to the decision that the safest and the best solution was to list them with both classes. I just don't think I have the right to decide which class Jerry, or the others should be listed with and ignore his association with their other class. Listing them with both classes causes no harm that I can see. And if for example, a friend of Rays from with the class of '55 should only read the '55 deceased list and another friend from the class of '56 should only read the class of '56 list, I want them both to know of Ray's sad and very untimely passing.

I hope this explains the overall problem, the reason for the policy I have adopted on the matter and why you will continue to see some people listed with two classes. If you have any further questions or comments, of course I will be glad to discuss them with you.

Again, thanks for writing.

Jack Phillips '54



Mike Rich '57
WHS Senior Photo

MIKE RICH,

CLASS OF '57,

RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS APPOINTMENT FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LEON PANETTA!



Brigadier General
Mike Rich, WHS '57

On July 30, 2012, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta appointed Mike Rich, Class of '57, along with 14 other distinguished citizens to the Defense Legal Policy Board, which was established in April of this year to provide the Secretary with informed, independent advice on legal issues related to the Department of Defense. Other members of the board include "Ike" Skelton, former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, two former U.S. Deputy Attorney Generals, two former Department of Defense General Counsels and seven retired flag officers besides Mike who is a retired brigadier general in the Marine Corps and is currently an assistant United States Attorney in Virginia specializing in the prosecution of violent crimes.

The first task assigned the Board by the Secretary is to review the application of military justice in Afghanistan going back to October 2001 in connection with instances where service members are alleged to have committed offenses against civilians. The Board's report is due to the Secretary by March 31, 2013.



Mike Rich '57, in his office of
Assistant U S States Attorney
in Virginia.

Editor's fond personal note: I am pleased to say that I was one of the many friends Tom Rich '54 (Mike's older brother), had in high school and while attending the University of SD. Tom and Mike have another very successful brother, Bill '56, who is now, Dr. William M. Rich, a Ob. Gyn Oncologist in Fresno, CA. The Rich's owned the coolest and most popular party house in all of Sioux Falls when we were at WHS. It was at the end of a gravel road that was an extension of 33rd at 33rd and Kiwanis. It was just south of the Donahue estate on the bluffs overlooking Minnehaha Country Club.

I first got to know Bill and Mike a bit in their early high school years during my frequent visits to their beautiful home. And, I need to add, "a bit" was too much some times because I distinctly remember them both as being exceptionally intelligent young men, but usually being a pain in the neck and nuisances to us older and assumably more sophisticated young men of Sioux Falls.

Obviously my positive assessment of them both was correct. I lost track of Tom for a few years, but I have always loosely keep track of both Bill and Mike from afar and I have always been truly proud of them both. I never told either of them this, but I was always impressed with what sharp, intelligent young men they both were at those very early ages and I am not surprised in the least at their outstanding successes in life. And now, way to go Mike! Congratulations! All of WHS is very proud of you!

Jack Phillips '54