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Merry Christmas! "I'll Be Home for Christmas If Only In My Dreams."



Our old school, now Washington Pavilion of Arts & Science.



Our old auditorium, now the beautiful Mary Woods ('52) Sommervold Hall.



This
Photographic
Journey Down
Memory Lane
Will Help
Us Recall
Our Precious
Youth In
Sioux Falls.

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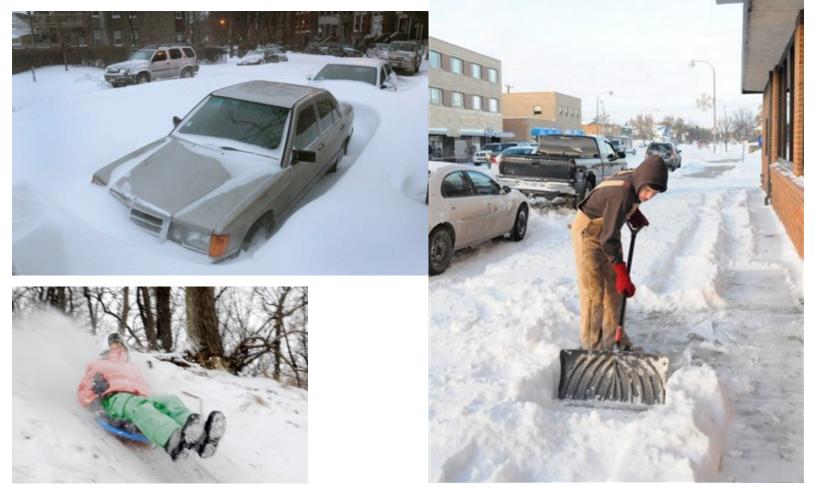














A Salute To WHS Class of 1951

by Jack Phillips '54

The class of 1951 is being featured in this issue of the O&B in hopes of attracting more Orange & Black subscribers from the class of '51 and thus hopefully increasing the number of articles being submitted from this truly great class. Of the 10 class years of the fifties decade, the class of '51 currently holds the distinction of having the smallest number of subscribers to the Orange & Black and that probably explains the relatively few class of '51 news items being submitted to the O&B.

Awhile back I had the real pleasure of speaking to Charles Gerlinger from the class of '51. It was a conversation I thoroughly enjoyed and it seemed clear that Charles truly enjoys reading the O&B. He, like most all of my subscribers had just one request. He would like to see more stories on his beloved class of '51. I told him that I am pretty limited to publishing stories and photographs that are submitted to me and since there were so few members of the class of '51 that receive the O&B it was unlikely that items relating to his class would be increasing.

After hanging up from that phone conversation I felt like I disappointed Charles and did not give him the answer he had hoped for. So for the first time ever I am soliciting subscribers to the O&B and primarily from the class of '51. My theory is that the more subscribers the O&B has from a class, the more news and photos will be submitted on that class. So, I am making a special plea for your help to increase the number of subscribers from the class of 1951. But of course, more subscribers from all classes are always welcome.

In case you might be interested, the O&B is now mailed to just over 600 addresses. A little over 700 WHS Alumni are reached at those 600 addresses due to both spouses being from WHS. About 200 O&B subscribers come from my class of 1954. The class of 1955 is in 2nd place with 69 subscribers. It is interesting that the O&B now has 50 WHS Alumni subscribers from outside the fifties decade. Subscribers now range from the class of 1943 to 1989. There seems to be ample evidence that the more subscribers from a class, the greater number of stories will be submitted on their class.

So if you want more articles and photographs on your class, just encourage more O&B readers.



Charles Gerlinger '51 Senior Photo

To begin **The Orange & Black's Salute To The WHS Class of '51** I thought it only appropriate to feature a member of the class and after my delightful conversations with Charles Gerlinger, I felt he was the obvious and perfect choice. Getting Charles to agree was entirely a different matter. I quickly learned that Charles is a very laid back and low profile kind of guy who seems to prefer shying away from publicity and attention. When I told him of my wishes to write a brief story on his life and career since WHS, he Immediately and gracefully declined, even suggesting other names from his class that he thought would be better choices.

Obviously, I didn't agree and persisted, urging and encouraging his reluctant cooperation. Eventually I was able to piece together the following on Charles from our conversations and my Internet research.

For those of you who knew Charles in high school will probably recall him being very active in school activities. The 1951 Warrior listed the following clubs and activities

after his senior yearbook photo: "College Club, Science, IRC, Hi-Y, Secretary of Hi-Y Cabinet, Vice President of NHS, NFL, President of Pawn Pushers, Boys' State, Debate, Declam, Head Monitor, Jr. Kiwanian".

Charles explained to me the reasons that drew him to the East coast. For example, the reason he went to Princeton was because his father, who was the minister of the Congregational Church in Sioux Falls, had gone to the Princeton Theological Seminary to prepare for the ministry (although he grew up Bemidji in the far North of Minnesota). Charles had visited Princeton while a boy and he suspects that the possibility of going there was probably planted in his mind by that visit. By the time he graduated from Princeton, all three of his sisters were living in the East so his father and mother, in about 1957 (after being in Sioux Falls for about 25

years), left Sioux Falls for western Connecticut to be closer to them. His father had two small Congregational churches in CT. Charles felt all of that might help explain why his focus was on the East coast and why he didn't come back to Sioux Falls later except for a visit. The Gerlinger's currently reside in Boston.

- 1. Charles, graduated from Washington High School in 1951.
- 2. Graduated from Princeton University in 1955 with an A.B. degree. His major was in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs which is a bridge department that allowed students to take courses in the History, Politics and Economics Departments.
- Graduated with an L.L.B. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1958 with special emphasis on antitrust law courses.



Charles & Renate Gerlinger

- 4. Admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1958.
- 5. Employed by the Federal Trade Commission from the summer of 1958 through early 1962. Worked in the Litigation Department in Washington D.C. on cases involving unfair trade practices and antitrust cases.
- 6. Married Renate in June 1961. Her home was Hannover, Germany.
- 7. Renate and Charles moved to St. Joseph, Michigan in 1962 when he took a job in the Legal Department of Whirlpool Corporation. Renate worked at the Heath Company.
- 8. In 1965, they moved to Boston where he obtained a job in the Legal Department of USM Corporation (previously known as United Shoe Machinery Corporation, a company that had been founded in the 19th century and was well known in Boston). There Charles worked on several acquisitions and two court cases among many other duties. He was also an Assistant Treasurer.
- 9. Obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University in 1974.
- 10. In 1977, after USM was acquired by another company and its offices were moved to Connecticut, Charles left USM and took a job with Cabot Corporation, another company that had been founded in the 19th century and was and is well known in Boston. In Cabot's Legal Department, he worked on matters involving Human Resources. Finance, and corporate secretarial matters including filings the company made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the late 1980s he became Cabot's Corporate Secretary and also held the title of Senior Corporate Counsel. He retired from Cabot in 1996 but continued to provide consulting assistance to them until shortly after the turn of the century.
- 11. Since retiring he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of their condominium association and served from 2007 through 2009 on the Board of Directors of the Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod Inc.
- 12. Renate and Charles do not have any children but as Charles said, "Perhaps because of that we were able to travel a fair amount." Charles told me that he and Renate have been able to visit most countries in Europe, Turkey, Japan, China, New Zealand, Australia, and Peru. work also required him to travel sometimes. Over a period of time, he was able to visit Brazil, Argentina, Japan, and the Czech Republic. In Boston, the seemingly very happy couple, are able to enjoy attending the Boston Symphony, the Boston Ballet, the Huntington Repertory Theater and presentations by various public speakers.



Washington High School IRC 1951 (International Relations Club), Crusade for Freedom program: J. Hoffmann, M. Davis, J. Moen, C. Gerlinger, T. Westra, C. Anderson, R. Haugo.

More Faces & Great Memories of The Class of '51



Girl's State '51 J. Stene, J. Findley, D. Whitcomb



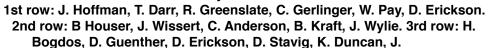
Jr. Kiwanians '51 C. Gerlinger, B. Walton, R. Greenslate, P. Kolb.



Boys State '51



1951 Senior Class Officers Ron Greenslate, treasurer, Jack Hoffmann, president, Jim Wylie, vicepresident, Paul Kolb, secretary.





Left: 1951 Student
Council Officers:
Ken Noel, V. Pres.
Dave Stavig, member at
large.
Dolores Whitcomb,
secretary-treasurer,
Paul Kolb, President.

Right: Speech Directors, Mr. L. Kremer and Mr. D. Berkley



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1951 Homecoming Royalty



Mary Ann Davis

Bonnie Beck



Pat Rustad



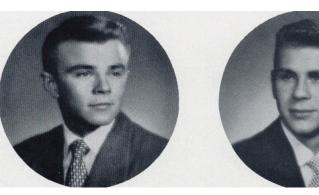
Veloy Hawkey



Queen Patty Masters



Marshall Paul Kolb

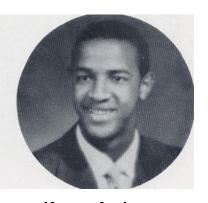


Jim Wylie

Courtney Anderson



Jack Hoffmann



Kenny Anderson



The talent in the class of '51 was endless.

Class Diary

Within the last four years it seems as though a magician has been at work. Remember four years ago — back in '47? We were just a group of individuals who were trying to work our way through a maze of halls. Since then much has happened. Hop onto our magic carpet and we'll help you recall.

1947-'48 As freshmen we chose Sally Haas and Sam Pfeifer to represent us. Sally was also our Sweetheart Candidate. Then came the time of year when girl dates boy Spinster Week. We I" Y-Teens selected Dick Erickson as our choice.

1948-'49 During our sophomore year we chose Mary Davis and Tom Darr as most representative of our class. That year Barb Jameson vied for Hi-Y-Queen, while Bud Goodroad was chosen by the "gals" as their spinster candidate. The Valentine season saw Veloy Hawkey representing us as Sweetheart.

1949-'50 This was our year to shine. We chose class officers for the first time. They were president Dick Guenther, vice-president Jim Wylie, secretary Ron Greenslate, and treasurer Ken Noel. Duff Erickson was our candidate for Chief Jester of the Spinster Dance, while Mary Ann Davis reigned as Sweetheart of the year. At the Hi-Y Carnival Nancy Pennock, our junior class choice, walked off with the title of Hi-Y Queen.

1950-'51 Almost miraculously three hundred forty people have been molded into a swell group. We've had many good times during our last year. We are especially proud of our accomplishments of our Senior days. Paul Kolb and Patty Masters reigned over OLD festivities with Pat Rustad, Mary Davis, Bonnie Beck, Veloy Hawkey, Jim Wylie, Jack Hoffmann, Courtney Anderson, and Ken Anderson as attendants. Jack Hoffmann, our Senior Class president, did a good job as the toastmaster of the Senior Banquet. Our other class officers are Jim Wylie, vice-president, Paul Kolb, secretary, and Ron Greenslate, treasurer. Marylyn Kirkpatrick vied for Hi-Y Queen. Our attractive candidate for Sweetheart was Frances Line. We are proud of our class as individuals, but most of all as a group.

Roger, Mike and Vonda in their 1966

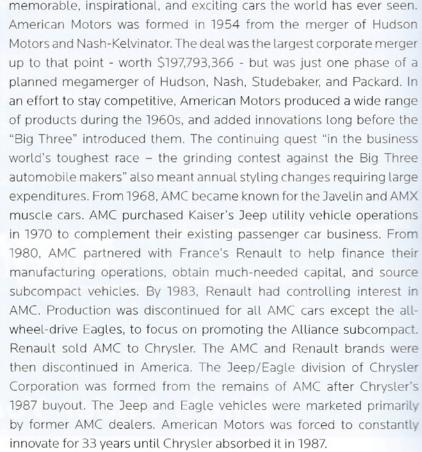
AMC Ambassador 990 Convertible

1953 Ford Crown Vic, Roger's 1

ilv First...AMC Next

When you mention AMC (American Motors Corporation) most motor enthusiasts usually don't gasp and wait for you to start talking about their favorite car manufacturer. The Peterson family would be the exception. Roger, Vonda and their son Mike are die-hard AMC enthusiasts. To understand their enthusiasm for the brand, you have to understand the history of the company. Through its 34-year existence, AMC created some of the most

memorable, inspirational, and exciting cars the world has ever seen. innovate for 33 years until Chrysler absorbed it in 1987.





when in the Army

1962 AMC Ambassador, their list new AMC car purchased in Augusta, GA

1958 Rambler, their first AMC car



Roger Peterson '51 WHS Senior Photo.

Roger '55 and Vonda Fritz '56 Peterson Motor Market Magazine story.

The preceding page (Page 9), is the first page of a 10 page story that appeared in the October, 2012 issue of "Motor Market Magazine". The story chronicles **Roger and Vonda Peterson's** love for AMC (American Motors Corp.) cars. The article was written by Steve Michels and includes 35 great photos of the 40 or so AMC automobiles Roger, Vonda and their son, Mike, have owned over the years.



Vonda Fritz '56 WHS Senior Photo.

My friend and ever reliable source of news on Alumni from the class of '55, **Mavis Larson Carl** '55, sent the entire

magazine to me, but the 10 page article is way too big to fit in the O&B. If you would like to read the entire article you can simply go to, "Motor Market Magazine, Sioux Falls", and click on October 2012 issue.





Royce Adams '58 WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 31, 2012, at 7:14 AM, **Royce Adams '58**, <u>Litljump@aol.com</u> wrote: Well, there's a bunch of INFO!! Going to have to read it a fews times or more! Thanks for a great job Jack, always the best! Royce Adams, '58

PS 4 weeks ago I got to return to Sanford and have 3 nerves in my upper heart cauterized, called an ablation. You don't want one. Upper heart beats at 300 per minute and lower heart at 150 per minute and that ain't good! However, again, it was fixed with catheters run through veins in the groin and neck and I was back home in less than 48 hours!! Living life at the fullest for sure now.

On Nov 1, 2012, at 3:21 PM, Betty Capps wrote:

Hi Jack, My cousin sent me a copy of the information on my brother, Harry Hoiland (an honoree at a NASA event). Also on the post, I noticed a 50 year reunion of the Class of 1962. I graduated in 1962, but in California; however, I went to grade school with many of these people in the photo. It's too bad that there was not a listing of the peoples names. My ex-neighbor, friend, playmate, and classmate was Janet Gilbert. Also, my family had been friends with Michael Alexander's family (I didn't see him there). In my archives, I still have class photos of my elementary years in Sioux Falls. I attended Jefferson and Edison. It would be nice to see some of my childhood friends; however, I would not



recognize any of them in the photo, as they would not recognize me either. They would know me as Betty Lou Hoiland, but today I go by Betty Capps. If anyone wants to contact me, it would be fine to give them my email address. Betty Capps

My emails are always sent using "Bcc:" This is for everyone's protection. Although I might send to many email addresses, it appears that I am sending it only to you. I also remove all email addresses attached to any "Forwarded" emails I send. I request the same courtesy as I have been receiving too many hacked/ spammed emails from friends who do not follow this practice.



Marcia Jones '54 WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 3, 2012, at 4:30 PM, Marcia Jones Hartshorn '54 Marciamlih@aol.com

Dear Jack, I am writing to let you know of the death of our classmate and my former husband, Herbert Lawrence "Larry" Hartshorn on July 28, 2012 in Anchorage Alaska. Larry graduated from the University of Minnesota, served in the U. S. 7th Army Symphony from 1959 to 1962 and played oboe and English horn in the City Symphony from 1962 to 1978 when he went to the Milwaukee Symphony as personnel manager. We were married in 1957 and divorced in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Mary St.John, son Evan, brother Robert G. (Connie) Hartshorn and three granddaughters...Bahieh, Marisol, and Roselynn Hartshorn. I



Larry Hartshorn '54 **WHS Senior**

found notice of his death in the Anchorage Daily News Aug.1-2 but no obituary . It may have shown up If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. ... I know the early part but we haven't had

contact for over 20 years.

I spent a little over a month this year(Sept.-Oct.) in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and 5 countries of what used to be Yugoslavia. Saw a lot and learned a lot! Beautiful cities and architecture, much of it impacted by earthquakes, wars, and man's inhumanity to man.

I hope you and yours are well. Thank you once again for keeping track of all of us! Marcia Jones Hartshorn '54



Jon Sunde '56 **WHS Sophomore Photo**

On Nov 4, 2012, at 5:02 AM, **Jon Sunde '56** <u>JSunde@aol.com</u> wrote:

Jack: Thanks for the kind thoughts and words. Not sure when I gave you the last update but I have had a pretty decent year. Flew to SD end of June and spent 4th of July week with family in northern MN and a week with oldest sister in Sioux Falls. Had lunch with Amundson and he assured me he is still putting some effort into a basketball O & B. He will be inducted into the WHS sports Hall of fame this month. Also had lunch hosted by Glen Jamtgaard at Minnehaha which included Dave Dinsmore, Dave Trygstad, Gene Absullah, Gary Hartenhoff, Dieter Proehl and Ted Belbas; I got Byron Paynes email address from Dinsmore. They both live part of the year in Mexico.. Byron was a close friend and has been missing in action on class roster. Anyway i dropped a note and he responded that he was in Watsonville CA (my old stomping grounds when stationed in Fort Ord)where his wife Ginger was being treated for lung cancer. I called her and expressed encouragement but she died a few days later. About a week after that, Byron wrote that he had his annual physical exam at the VA in the area there and was in excellent health. Four days later he was taken in on an emergency basis

and had 5 heart bypasses ... How fragile we are!!!! I believe he played both ways in football.

Recently returned from 16 days on the beach on Hilton Head Island, SC and had a wonderful time. We have been going down there for 14 years and fall is our favorite. Ocean is still in the 80's, temp in the 80's and the summer crowds are gone. Regards Jon

PS; I also had breakfast with Gayle Syverson, our old friend Ray's wife. We met at the Falls Cafe only to learn they quit serving hot breakfasts and both very hungry we headed off to the "Diner" uptown, and an excellent breakfast and much reminiscing.

> Jon also sent me these old ads with this note: "WOWyour kids & grand-kids will never believe there was a time when these ads ran!"



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The O&B needs your story and photographs.

Your friends and classmates would enjoy hearing from you and about you. Please send a story for us to share in the O&B. How about just sharing some photos and a paragraph or two of your Christmas?



On Nov 13, 2012, at 7:33 PM, **Bobbie Watson '58**, <u>WATS9115@aol.com</u> wrote: Gary (Stoakes '58), was a great guy. I remember him well. Roberta Watson

Left: Bobbie Watson WHS Junior Photo.

On Nov 18, 2012, at 10:46 PM, Linda Benson '54, linben1224@hotmail.com wrote:

Dear Jack,



Linda Bradley '54 WHS Senior Photo

This may seem like an unusual letter to the editor. I would like to enlist the help of your vast O&B readership in helping me locate family members and or loved ones of Navy pilot COMMANDER VINCENT DUNCAN MONROE, missing in action during the Vietnam War. I wore a bracelet in his honor for years, vowing to do so until he returned home or his remains were found and returned to his family.

Over some 40 plus years I have periodically tried to locate his family so I may return the bracelet to them but as of yet I've not been successful. These facts I do know about him:

Born: 7-1-1938 Chicago, Il Last home of record: Oaklyn, NJ Married - Caucasian - Protestant

He was assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk. On May 18, 1968 he, along with Commander Charles James, Jr flew a reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. Somewhere off the coastline their plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Two parachutes were observed and emergency radio beepers were heard but no contact could be established. Radio Hanoi broadcast the capture of two American pilots on that date in the general area that they went down.

In 1973, 591 American POWs were released from Vietnam. James was amongst them, Monroe was not. Sometime in late 1978, due to the efforts of Congressman "Sonny" Montgomery of Arizona, Monroe's remains were released and returned to American soil where he was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

I would like to give one more try at locating his family and I'm hoping your readers may have a suggestion for me. Please contact me at the following email address - <u>linben1224@hotmail.com</u>. I would be most appreciative to hear from you.

Sincerely, Linda (Bradley) Benson Class of '54 Sequim, Wa



On Nov 24, 2012, at 9:46 AM, Georgia Johnson '56, Gitn7odsf@aol.com wrote:



Georgia Severson '56 WHS Senior Photo.

Jack, We have just received information regarding the death of **Frances Serles, class of 1956**. He died of a heat attack on Nov 18 at St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction, CO. Apparently, he was cremated but I don't have any further information on that.

As a side note, his wife, Janet, has been hospitalized at the same hospital for several weeks due to a traffic accident in which her car rolled several times while driving home from Grand Junction to Nucla, CO.

Georgia

Editors' Response: Dear Georgia, Thanks for alerting the O&B of the passing of Frances Serles '56. I will add his name to the master deceased list for the class of '56. I sincerely hope Janet makes a complete recovery very soon. Jack Phillips



Frances Serles '56 WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 6, 2012, at 5:21 AM, Don Noordsy '58 heythere63@comcast.net wrote:



Don Noordsy '58 WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack.....Sorry to hear that the Cox folks are still playing hardball with you on your distribution. I don't know what to suggest except perhaps you can get folks who have an address like that to take out a free Gmail address where you can send the O&B . I have a couple of them

and use them for a variety of mail purposes. That would probably be easier than trying to get Cox and Verizon to change their policies.....

I did receive your Special Edition.....and remembered the article about Arnie (Bauer), from when it was originally published. I was a student manager for the basketball team Arnie coached one year and enjoyed being around him. I took biology, but don't recall he was the teacher who taught me how to dissect a frog!

Hope all is well with you and yours,

Don Noordsy '58

On Dec 6, 2012, at 5:50 AM, Jeffrey C "Herbert '74, <u>Jeffrey.Herbert@k12.sd.us</u> wrote:



Jeff Herbert '74

Jack...thanks so much---Arnie (Bauer), hired me to teach and coach at Axtell Park---this article is a fitting tribute to a great man...best wishes... Jeff

Editor's Note: Jeff boosts of a long lineage with WHS. His Dad and Uncle graduated from WHS in 1943 and 1949 respectively. Jeff graduated in 1974 and now his children are attending WHS or have graduated. He was on the football, basketball and track teams at WHS and was a member of the homecoming royalty in his senior year. Jeff has now coached and taught at WHS for over 20 years. He is currently chairman of the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

On Dec 6, 2012, at 6:13 AM, Irene Morrill '52, ethelandco@goldenwest.net wrote:



This is a GREAT TRIBUTE! (To Arnie Bauer), I remember going to a track meet in Albuquerque many yrs ago. I ran into Coach Arnie & Rich Greeno. It was a nice surprise. Coach was a great mentor to lots of us who attended WHS. Irene "Red" Morrill '52

Photo left: Irene Morrill '52 WHS Senior Photo



On Dec 6, 2012, at 6:47 AM, Connie Waring Lee '56 ch.lee@cox.net wrote: Mr. Bauer was my homeroom teacher----very kind and most dedicated to teaching. Loved by all. Connie Waring Lee "56

Left Photo: Connie Waring '56 WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 6, 2012, at 6:51 PM, Alma Johnson '53 jayne johnson35@yahoo.com wrote:



I'm so sorry to hear about Arnie (Bauer). I'm thankful that I did write him and he answered back and invited me to come see him when I came to Sioux Falls. He lived a full life. Thanks. jj

Photo left: Alma JJ Anderson '53 **WHS Senior Photo**



Dave Paulson '53 **WHS Senior Photo**

On Dec 7, 2012, at 2:00 PM, **David Paulson '53** <u>ddpaulson@att.net</u> wrote:

Jack, thanks for the note on coach Bauer. When I was playing sports at WHS Arnie was an assistant with our football, basketball and track teams. A good coach and a good solid

Thanks for another great year of reporting. I really appreciate your efforts, as do all those who receive the WHS Orange and Black.

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving and will have a great Christmas. Merry Christmas. Dave Paulson '53

On Dec 15, 2012, at 7:11 PM, Richard Norbraten '54 rnorbraten@att.net wrote: Rodger Robinson ('53, WHS) passed along this painting by Gary Hartenhoff (also class of '53). Both the aforementioned took art classes together at our alma mater.



Rodger Robinson '53 **WHS Senior Photo**



Artist WHS Senior Photo.

Richard Norbraten '54 WHS Senior Photo



Winter barn northeast of Sioux Falls



"I'll be home for Christmas

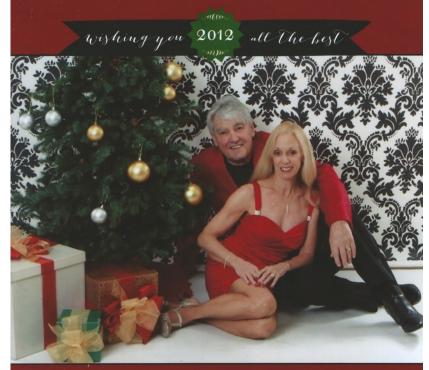
Christmas Eve will find me Where the lovelight gleams
I'll be home for Christmas

If only in my dreams

Debra and T would like to sincerely thank all of you who so thoughtfully sent us Christmas Cards and Season's Greetings. We were very touched and warmed by each of them.

We would like to send all of you our Christmas Card along with our loving wishes that each of you has a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Lots of Love to you all. Debra and Jack Dhillips '54



Merry Christmas

May the Spirit of Christmas Be with you Always Debra and Jack