

# THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK

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**BOB BURNS**  
Head Football Coach  
WHS 1949 to 1956



**BOB BERGUIN '53**  
Played Center  
Varsity Football '50 thru '52



# BOB BURNS

Washington High School Head Football Coach

1949 - 1955

February 8, 1920 - November 6, 2000



**Bob Burns**

**USD Fullback '40 & '41**

**Written by Jack Phillips '54**

**Stu Whitney**, the very talented sports writer for the Argus Leader referred to Bob Burns as the "**Legend of the Fall**" and then wrote that "*Bob Burns survived the Great Depression and descended from a dark sky over Normandy. He fought steamy summer boxing battles and became the most fascinating force in the history of South Dakota football.*"

Burns competed in football, basketball and track at Sioux City Central High School where he graduated in 1938. He then entered the University of South Dakota where he played basketball and football. Before graduating in 1942 he led the North Central Conference in scoring in 1940 as a 170 pound single-wing fullback.

By the time Burns graduated from USD WWII was going strong and he joined the U. S. Marine Corps. **He was a member of the famed and distinguished 101st Airborne Division that parachuted in darkness on June 6, 1944 behind the German lines**

hours before the D-Day Normandy Beach assault began. 868 members of the 101st were killed and thousands more were injured in the fighting that followed that D-Day landing.

**General Eisenhower had predicted that the airborne troops would sustain 75 percent casualties. In Burns company there were 137 enlisted men & 9 officers that jumped. When it was over only 7 men and 1 officer were left.**



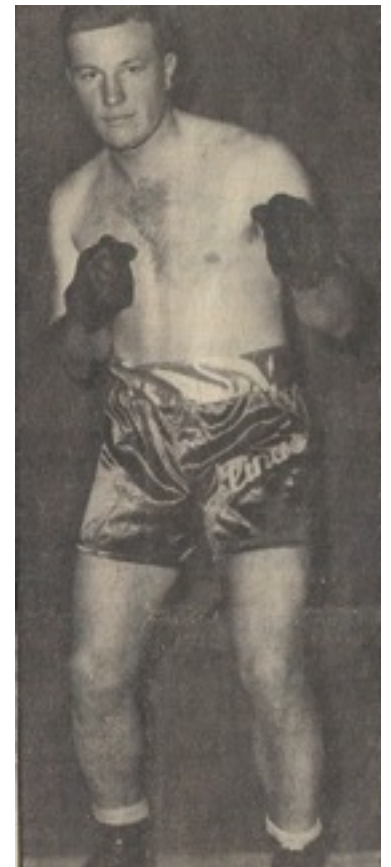
Burns would say latter that, "***Our job was to jump in & destroy the German coastal guns to help the D-Day landing force establish a beach-head. We were going to try to destroy them any way we could - with hand grenades or concussion grenades. We didn't have much to fight with, just rifles & knives. It was pitch dark and I'll tell you, it was no feast.***"

The 101st survivors then made another famous jump into Holland on Sept. 7, 1944 that was the start of the march in which Germany surrendered. **For his bravery and leadership in France and Holland, Burns was awarded**

the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars & obtained the rank of Major by the end of his distinguished military career.



**Burns at WHS circa 1950's**



**Heavyweight, Bob Burns, 1940**

Burn's boxing career began as a result of him selling peanuts at police exhibitions. He was a tough fighter, the same as he was tough in everything he ever did during his lifetime. He

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won Sioux City's Golden Glove's championship and that took him to compete in national boxing tournaments in Chicago & Madison Square Garden.

When Burns was once asked what his most memorable moment was, his answer was, ***"Fighting Joe Louis I guess."*** During the war Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World, Joe Louis, made a USO exhibition boxing tour to the 101st Airborne Division in Great Britain where Burns was stationed. Since Burns was the division heavyweight champion he was the chosen one to fight Louis.

Burns said later, *"It was an exhibition, so there was no winner or loser, but he just messed around with me. But it was quite a thrill, boxing in front of some 20,000 soldiers - probably the most memorable boxing experience I've ever had - unless you count Madison Square Garden."*

On Dec. 1, 1945 Bob married his college sweetheart, LaVerne Drabek and they eventually had 5 children. Finally in 1947 he entered his long time career goal of coaching when he was hired as football, basketball and track coach at Yankton High School where he had 2 winning football seasons. See ***"Burns' Coaching Record"*** next column.

In 1949 Burns became the head coach of Washington High School in Sioux Falls where he stayed for 7 seasons, 6 of them winning seasons. His first season at WHS finished with a 4-5 record but then

## Burns' Coaching Record

Year	School	Record
1947	Yankton	8-2
1948	Yankton	8-1-1
1949	Washington	4-5
1950	Washington	8-1-1
1951	Washington	10-0
1952	Washington	10-0-1
1953	Washington	9-0
1954	Washington	6-1-1
1955	Washington	8-1
1956	Augustana	6-3
1957	Augustana	0-7
1958	Augustana	5-3
1959	Augustana	6-2-1
1960	Augustana	6-2
1961	Augustana	5-3
1962	USD	1-9
1976	O'Gorman	4-5
1977	O'Gorman	6-4
1978	O'Gorman	8-1
1979	O'Gorman	4-4
1980	O'Gorman	2-5
1981	O'Gorman	11-1
1982	O'Gorman	10-2
<b>23 years</b>		<b>145-62-6</b>

Burns' teams only lost 4 more games over the next 6 years. **During the years 1950 to 1954 WHS boasted a 37-game unbeaten streak.**

Burns was always an extremely colorful, loquacious and popular figure in the South Dakota sports world. That popularity was well deserved, but it has endured simply because he knew how to produce winning football teams

and to do it in his own brilliant and flamboyant way.

In my opinion one of the boldest and most courageous moves Coach Burns ever made was when he withdrew the WHS football program from the Eastern South Dakota Conference following the 1952 football season.

It has been written that his 1953 team was his "Masterpiece". I am proud to say that I was a senior on that team and I will always have nothing but total admiration & love for our great coach. And, I should add that I have never known any of my teammates that didn't share my deep affection for him. I feel it was such an honor to have played for Coach Burns.

Coach Burns did so much for South Dakota football it is impossible here to even begin to touch on his many, many accomplishments that earned him so many honors and accolades.

Perhaps one of the most meaningful honors Burns ever received and the one that most likely touched him the deepest was when the Governor of SD and the Mayor of Sioux Falls proclaimed November 21, 1981, as "Bob Burns Day" in the state of South Dakota and the city of Sioux Falls.

I was so honored to be part of the over 350 Burns' former players and friends that were on hand that Saturday evening in Sioux Falls to roast and toast our beloved coach.

Knowing that Coach Burns had never had the opportunity to return to France and Holland since he

parachuted into those countries with the 101st Airborne Division in 1944, he and his wife , Laverne were given a trip to those European countries by his former players from Yankton High School, Washington High School, Augustana College, The University of South Dakota and O’Gorman High School.



Photo at right: Burns (in #75 jersey, right of center.) and some of his ex-players in attendance at the afternoon smoker for his, “Bob Burns Day”.



*Eindhoven, Holland Sept 1994  
50th Anniversary of 101st Airborne  
Parachute Invasion of Holland*

Photo above: Daughter, Kathy with Bob and LaVerne enjoying their trip to the 50th Anniversary of the 101st Airborne Parachute Invasion in Holland.

## A PHOTO GALLERY OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE BURNS’ 7 GREAT YEARS AT WHS SO GREAT!

( Note: Year following names are class years, not team years. )



Pete Beckman ’50  
Co-Captain ’49 team.



Bob Walton ’51 & Darold Erickson ’51  
Co-Captains ’50 Team.



Alonzo Smith ’52, Burns, Francis Chase ’52  
Co-Captains & tackles on ’51 Team.





Ike Hoover '52 looking for John Peckham '52 to clear the way in the 1950 Watertown game.



Coach Burns and his wife, LaVerne, with Bob Berguin, '53 attending an O'Gorman High School Banquet.



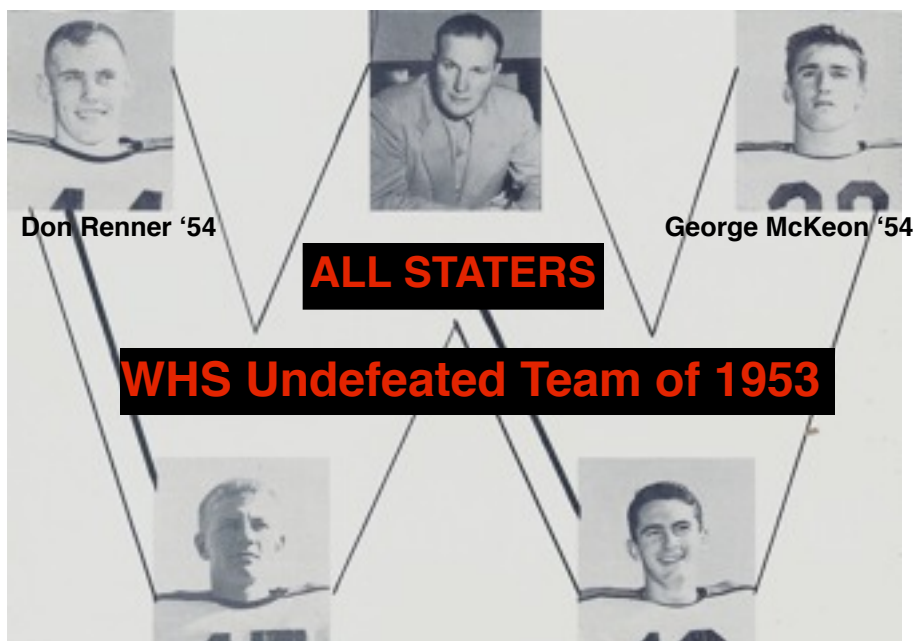
Coach Burns with Tom Robertson '53, John Peckham '52, Jim Skaggs '53, Jim Faust '53.



John Peckham '52, Bob Berguin '53, Dewey Leach '53, Dick Wold '53 All Members of the WHS Athlete Hall of Fame. Such A Proud Honor!



Coach Burns being carried off field after Fort Dodge, Iowa game at the conclusion of 1953 undefeated season. It was the first season out of the ESD Conference.



And we mustn't forget acknowledging Burns' talent for selecting the very best team Student Managers in all of South Dakota. Above are two of the very best. They are the 1953 team's Student Managers, George Aker '54 and Jack Kittelson '54





**Denny York '55; One of the few offensive tackles to score a touchdown for WHS.**



**Left: One of the few somber moments at the 1981 Burns Recognition Dinner are shared between John Simko '57 and Bob Burns. John went on to play for Burns at Augustana also.**



**Nick Salem '56  
1955 Team**



**Jerry Hagen '56  
1955 Team**



**Coach Bob Burns & Bob Berguin '53, became extremely close life long friends over the years. I have always felt they truly loved each other like a father and son. At this point I must extend a very special thank you to Bob Berguin for all of his help in writing this story on our beloved Coach Burns. See Berguin Story on page 7.**



## **Robert G Burns**

**February 8, 1920 - November 6, 2000**

***Thanks Coach for the lessons, the inspiration and the fun!  
We all loved you and will never forget you.***





**Bob Berguin '53**  
**1953 Yearbook Photo**

## **BOB BERGUIN**

### **Class of '53**

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varsity record of 28-1-2 and winning the ESD Conference title all three years. Berguin was named to the first team of the "All State" team in his senior year.

Following

graduation from Washington High, Bob attended The University of Nebraska from 1953 to 1957. Nebraska, a member of the "Big 8 ", Big 12" and now the "Big 10 Conference has always been a major national football power.

Perhaps one of the best measures of a man is what his fellow man thinks of him and in athletics the highest measure of what your teammates think of you is when they elect you captain of the team. Well Bob Berguin was not only elected captain of his 1952 WHS football team, he was again elected captain by his Nebraska football teammates 4 years later.

Being elected captain means your teammates not only like you, they also trust and respect you. As long as I have known Bob Berguin he has always been held in the highest esteem by his peers and has always deserved to be the elected captain of his teams.

Because of Bob's toughness and natural athletic ability, he has always excelled in football. When he was just a freshman at WHS, Coach Bob Burns recognized his potential and moved him up from the freshman team to play on the B-Squad team in his freshman year. He then played on the varsity for 3 years, contributing greatly to the success of those early Burns' teams.

Berguin's WHS football years were exceptional with a



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

## **Reserve Strength** Oct - 12 - '54

Adding strength to the Nebraska bench is reserve center Bob Berguin. The 6-0, 195 pound sophomore, has shown improve-

ment at the center spot for the Huskers. His standout play in the Iowa State and K-State encounters have drawn much praise.

Photo and story on Bob in the Lincoln, NE, *Lincoln Journal* on Oct. 12. 1954 when Bob was just a sophomore.



'No Athlete More Respected'—

# South Dakotan Is a Cornhusker Hit

By Robert Phipps

World-Herald Lincoln Bureau,  
501 Federal Securities Building.

Robert Dean Berguin, No. 1 center for the Huskers, missed out on a boy's normal home life. His father died when Bob was 9.

"So I had to work around filling stations and do odd jobs while going to school." He spoke casually, making no pitch for sympathy.

Bob's father ran the commissary in the State Penitentiary at Sioux Falls, S. D., Bob's home town.

It's a town with strong sports traditions and usually has top teams in both football and basketball.

Bob attended Washington High and made the all-state team. He also played in the high school all-star game in Memphis, Tenn., something which entitles him to be known as a prepster All-America.

On the same Washington team were Duane Leach and Jack Neuroth, who played for South Dakota U. against the Huskers a few weeks ago.

In street clothes the Husker athlete looks to be on the small side. There's a compactness to his 190 pounds.

He has slightly curly hair and Norwegian coloration. He's half German by descent.

Berguin is a senior in the College of Business Administration.

He already has made long-range plans for himself, and they are particularized. He expects to get into sales work and from there make his bid for success with a good corporation.

With that in mind he'll devote more time later to studying companies.

"Right now it's a case of bearing down in football and in classes," he analyzed. "And the two of them leave me little time for anything else.

"I'll be reporting at Quantico, Va., after graduation in June. That takes care of two years and I can't plan anything until that is taken care of."

Berguin will get a Marine lieutenant commission as a



—World-Herald News Service Photo.

## Hunting a hobby . . . for Nebraska's Berguin.

result of his student officer training.

Marriage, he says, will have to wait its turn in his schedule.

Berguin played single wing in high school. Like any center, he appreciates the switch to the T.

"You get to hold your head up and don't have to worry about a forearm across the cheekbone right after snapping the ball. Makes it easier to concentrate on blocking

assignments, too."

When there's time for fun, Berguin goes pheasant hunting. His father took him out first, one of his treasured memories.

Coach Pete Elliott compliments the senior for his "tremendous effort."

"Never have I known an athlete for whom I had more respect."

Mighty high praise from a man with Elliott's background.



## ALL-STATE AND ALL-AMERICAN

In addition to being named to the first team of the South Dakota All-State Football Team at the conclusion of his senior season in 1952, Bob was also named to the National All-American Team and was invited to play in the National High School All-Star game in Memphis, Tenn.

After graduating from Nebraska, Bob, spent 23 years in The Marine Corps. 2 years in active duty and 20 years in the reserve. He retired at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After his active duty with the Marine Corps Bob worked 30 years for Lion Apparel, an "image apparel" company with home offices in Dayton, OH. Bob retired in 2002.



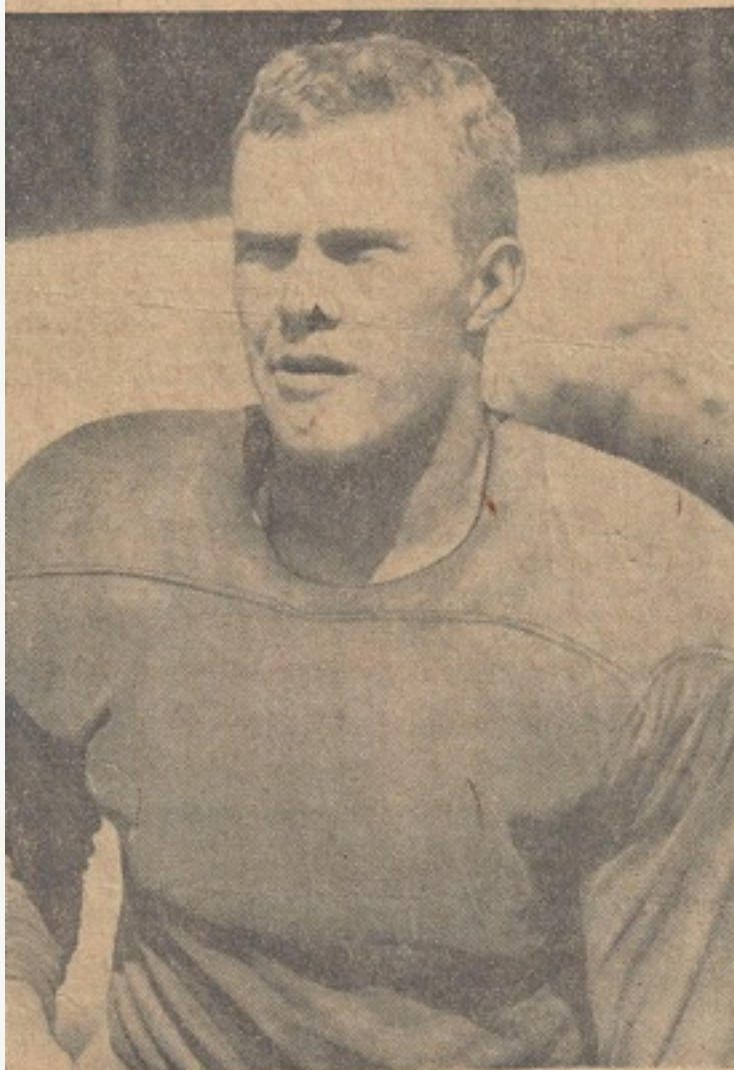
**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

From Huskers Illustrated,  
October 2004.

# Right Place, Right Time

**Omaha World-Herald**  
Sports Section

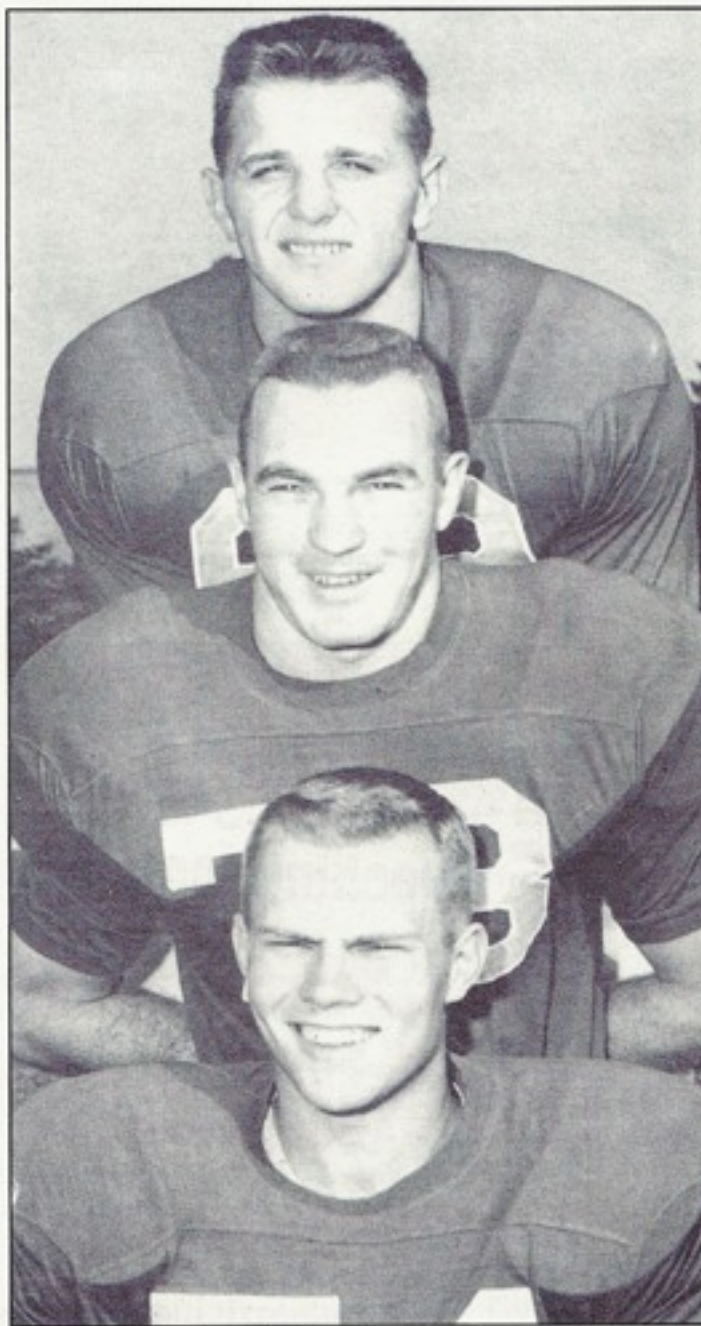
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, SAT., APRIL 6, 1957. 9



—World-Herald Photo.

Berguin . . . '56 Husker now an "Old Grad."

'57



LaVerne Torczon (top) is pictured with fellow captains Jim Murphy (middle) and Bob Berguin (bottom) in a 1956 program.





Bob and Kathy Berguin seated with son, Mike and his wife Kay, daughter, Kim and son, Robert Berguin II in the back row from left to right.

Bob met Peggy Mathers while they both were attending Nebraska. They were married in 1958. Peggy, a beautiful and very charming lady that was a Pi Phi at Neb. U., claimed Lincoln, NE as her home town.

Bob and Peggy are extremely proud of their 3 wonderful children. Their sons, Bob and Mike both live in Mesa, AZ and their daughter Kimberly lives in Corona Del Mar, CA. They also have 8 Grand children.

The Berguin's still make their home in Omaha during the summer, but like so many other WHS Alumni, spend their winters in the Scottsdale, AZ area.



## The University of Nebraska's, Memorial Stadium.

Bob Berguin's awesome Saturday playground each Autumn from 1955 through 1957. With a capacity of over 85,000 fans, what a thrill it must have been to play in such a stadium and such an environment.

## “Jelly Belly”

A small and unimportant bit of trivia from the editor. Many of you know that I acquired the nick name, “Jelly Belly”, while in high school and some of you still call me by that name. I acquired the name courtesy of Bob Berguin. It was his senior year and my junior year at WHS and after every home game Coach Burns always took the entire team to Stacy's Restaurant on 9th Street in Sioux Falls for a steak dinner. After one of our games Bob and I were seated next to each other at dinner when the waitress brought the bread to our table I asked her to please bring some jelly for the bread. Bob heard me order the jelly and the rest is history.

Jack Phillips '54



# **WHS HOLDS TWO NATIONAL FOOTBALL RECORDS!**

According to the national magazine, "USA TODAY", Washington High School holds two national football records. They are under the "Team" heading and are:

Most state championships--35, Washington High, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1905-76.

Consecutive state championships--10, Washington High, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1955-64.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CURRENT WHS FOOTBALL TEAMS!**

THE WHS WARRIORS WON THE SOUTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOTH 2009 AND 2010 AND THE 2011 TEAM FINISHED IN 2ND PLACE.

***YOU MAKE US ALL PROUD!***

## **NEGATIVE COMMENTS ON THE ALUMNI O&B**

Thankfully, about the only negative comment I ever receive about the O&B is that there aren't enough stories and information on your class. I totally sympathize with that complaint and do indeed try to remedy it, but I hope you know, that complaint can only really be solved by you.

Since the O&B now attempts to cover news and stories of all 10 class years from the fifties decade, that is, 1950 through 1959, if you aren't finding enough coverage on your class year it is only because no one bothered to submit anything on your class year.

So PLEASE, keep the O&B in mind and send me stories on your class and classmates. Here are just a few suggested ideas. Stories on your life; On a special vacation you took: On a get-together you enjoyed with other classmates; Stories on major happenings in Sioux Falls, Remember most of us don't live in Sioux Falls.

I would also like to encourage each of you to write a story on your favorite activity and/or your favorite people from your years at WHS such as band, orchestra, choir, debate, publishing the yearbook or the O&B, basketball, track, tennis, golf or on your favorite teacher and why. Please share your good memories of WHS. If they are good memories for you I guarantee you they will be good memories for others to share in too.

The only two guidelines are that your stories NOT be just about your grandchildren regardless of how wonderful, precious and cute they are AND that you PLEASE INCLUDE AS MANY PHOTOS AS POSSIBLE. I can supply senior photos from our yearbooks if you need them.

Please submit something and make the O&B more interesting to more classmates.







## **Class of '56 Mini Seattle Reunion.**

On Nov 17, 2011, at 10:52 AM, **Kent Scribner '56** wrote:

Good morning, Jack:

Fifteen Class of 1956 members had a terrific mini-reunion yesterday at the Bahama Breeze restaurant in suburban Seattle. Fourteen of those in attendance were mentioned in your recent write-up about the event. The only change was that Ruth Cartee Ewing attended (visiting from Phoenix, where she and John winter), and Marlys Rush Newcomb was unable to attend because of inclement weather between here and her home in Idaho.

You asked for a photo, so we took a "round-about" method of getting a group photo to you. Four or five spouses and one daughter of class members took photos, and you may receive these via email shortly, if you haven't already. If you want to use one of the photos in your next newsletter, just pick out the best one among those you receive (they were taken at different angles) and give credit to the person whose photo you use. As for identifications, all of the photos will have the same configuration, as follows:

Seated in the front row, left to right, are Perm Bedford Kielman, Leora Capen Bass and Ruth Cartee Ewing. Standing left to right are Myra Scholten Swanson, Bob Pedersen, Pat Jorgensen Palagi, Gene Ross, Bob Shuck, Carol Winden Johnson, Dale Peterson, Susan Lommel O'Brien, Andy Perlbachs, Clara Jeffrey Amesbury, Jim Brown and Kent Scribner.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. If you need any help, please get in touch with me. You have my email address, and my cell phone is 605-310-0266. I am in Washington state until early January, then I will be driving down the West Coast, with stops, for a couple of weeks, then in Manhattan Beach for two months before returning to Sioux Falls in April. Incidentally, several class members may ask to be added to your mailing list.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Kent Scribner '56

**Editor's note: All of the photos I received were excellent. I randomly choose this photo from Bob '56 and Nancy Shuck.**





On Oct 26, 2011, at 6:30 PM, Mrs. Bendo wrote:

My name is **Carol Banks Rothenbuehler '57** 116 1st ave brandon South Dakota 57005. I was to graduate with the class of 1957 but I married my childhood sweetheart in 1955 at the age of 16 We were married 51 years 2006 when Dale passed away of lung cancer at the age of 69. Dale went to Washington High for a short time but got his GED later in life We had a good life . He co owned Bucks Muffler Shop in Sioux Falls .We moved to Brandon in 1966 We had 4 children 11 grandchildren and 13 great grands I have 3 annuals and they are ragged from me looking up people I knew. I went two years but got to know a lot of people . I was one of the shy ones I love keeping track of everyone tho. Thanks for all of your time doing this. Im sure you are appreciated a lot Carol



The three Banks sisters at a Sioux Falls family picnic last August. Carol Banks Rothenbuehler '57, Wanda Banks Berger Mathiesen '52 & Connie Banks Morrison

On Nov 25, 2011, at 4:42 PM, audreytetrick wrote:

**Audrey Aurit Tetrick '57** who now lives in Las Cruces, NM would like help finding **Virginia Turchen '56**. Audrey said that the last she knew Virginia was living in Omaha in the late '50s. If you can help us find her or even just know the city she might be living in please let me know at [jackmp@me.com](mailto:jackmp@me.com).

On Nov 6, 2011, at 1:46 PM, Don Noordsy wrote:

Hi Jack..... I have fond memories of MCC (Minnehaha Country Club), Ed Livingston, and many of the golfers there. Three years ago we went to dinner there with friends and it was one of those "deja vu all over" moments. I spent a lot of time there in my youth as a caddy, working in the caddy shack, and eventually as caddy master for Ed. Turns out that Eric "Rick" Gustafson, who is the "data keeper" for my WHS '58 class was also a caddy there, as were several other members of the class. We had a good time reminiscing at our 50th reunion in 2008.

The last time I saw **Fred (Hecker)** was in 1960 or 1961 when he came through Rapid City and he ended up at our fraternity house at the School of Mines. I think he was still at Augie at that time but was on some sort of an outing with a bunch of guys. I liked to caddy for his dad too.....a real fun guy. But my favorite was Phil Donohue. I was pretty good at "clubbing" him and liked to caddy for him since he never got in much trouble and thus an easy carry. He took me to several tournaments around the area to be his caddy at them. I know he is still living.....but his lovely wife, Connie, has passed on. She was a real sweetheart too.

**Don Noordsy '58**

On Aug 29, 2011, at 5:51 P M, **Stephen Veenker '59**, ' [sveenker@aol.com](mailto:sveenker@aol.com) wrote: Stephen & his brother, **Ron Veenker '54** live 2 miles apart on the beach in Holden Beach, NC. Stephen's letter pertained to the recent Hurricane, "Irene".

Before "Irene" got too close, we saw some signs a storm was coming. It rained. It was windy. Saturday morning the evacuation was lifted. Back we came. No significant damage. All is well here. Beach is full of new treasure!





# CLASS OF '55 SUMMER PARTY.

**Roger Peterson '55** & his wife, **Vonda Fritz Peterson '56** hosted a party this past summer at their home in Sioux Falls for the class of '55. Thanks to **Mavis Larson Carl '55** for providing the photos below. Mavis said the food was great as was the company and the rides in Rogers Convertible.



L to R. **Jeanne Sweet Simienek '55**, **Jane Ackerman Davis '55** and **Vonda Fritz Peterson '56**



I to r. **Ron Green '55**, **Roger Peterson '55**, **Jane Ackerman Davis '55** and **Jeanne Sweet Simienek '55**



**Diane Nelson**, **Linda Brasel Hall '55**, **Joyce Portice Graff '55**, **Judy Allan Portice '55** and **Lorna Cooper Luther '55**



**Jim Parker '55**, **Mavis Larson Carl '55**, **Sue Parker**, **Dolly Tague Wait '55**



**Stan Cadwell '55**, **Jervin Wait '55** and **Karen Johnson Espeland '55**



**Jim Teslow '53**, **Mavis Lubbinge Teslow '55**, and **Lois Ross DeVnies '55**



**Derald Espeland '55** & **Bob Portice**



**Roger Peterson '55**, **Ron Green '55** and **Ron Nelson '55**



## Four Warm Letters In Response To The Arnie Bauer Story.

On Nov 5, 2011, at 6:29 PM, **Sharol Darling '57** wrote:

Thanks for the great stories about Fred Hecker and Arnie Bauer. I graduated with Fred and babysat for the Bauer family quite a bit on game nights or when he was officiating. You brought back some awesome memories. You do a great job. Sharol

On Nov 4, 2011, at 8:25 AM, **Larry '61 & Linda Gates** wrote:

Jack: Thanks for the time and effort put into these and other wonderful articles. They remind me of a story my dad told many times about he and Arnie Bauer.

My dad (Lawrence Gates) was 3 years older than Arnie, and grew up on a farm 3 miles south of the Orland school. Arnie and my dad used to play around the school a lot and could get in because Arnie's dad was the custodian there. One spring the gymnasium floor was refinished and was left to dry completely before anyone could walk on it. Arnie and my dad were still in gradeschool but decided to go shoot hoops in the gym. You can imagine how upset Arnie's dad was. Thanks again for these fun stories, and updates.

**Larry Gates WHS '61 graduate.**

On Nov 7, 2011, at 10:00 PM, **Alma Johnson '53** wrote:

What a wonderful article on Coach Arnie Bauer. I remember him very well, I think he was on the 3rd floor in the corner and taught science? I always had to run to his class because I was coming from gym, he would hold the door open so I wouldn't be late, I was usually the last one to class. I'm going to write him.]]  
**(Alma JJ Anderson Johnson '53)**

On Nov 4, 2011, at 6:46 AM, **Irene Morrill '52** wrote:

Thanks so much for this article. I was drawn to track events due to Coach Bauer. It was his training that was so good. He made athletics enjoyable for me. My memories the time I followed WHS sports was filled with the track stuff. While working in Yankton, SD, I was able to watch cross country track when working. I was working at Yankton State Hosp & would gather several patients together so we could watch & "cheer" for the WHS team. Keep up the GREAT work

**Irene Morrill (class of 52)**

### All You Need to Know About Government Bureaucracy

Pythagorean theorem.....	24 words
Lord's Prayer.....	66 words
Archimedes' Principle.....	67 words
10 Commandments.....	179 words
Gettysburg address.....	286 words
Declaration of Independence.....	1,300 words
US Constitution with all 27 Amendments...	7,818 words
<b>US Government regulations on the sale of cabbage.....</b>	<b>26,911 words</b>

The **first** senior moment!!!!



And, that's what happened  
to the dinosaurs!





On Oct 14, 2011, at 2:09 PM, **Ronald Veenker '54** wrote:  
 I just found this photo ... actually my brother has had it and he just found it. I'm racking my brain to get the names and for some stupid reason I'm better with the boys names than the girls. Help me out or farm this out to someone who will know ... This is just one PE class ... Mrs. McKillips? Anyone remember? This is a good scan so you can view it and hit the "+" button and zoom in real close.  
 Seated: Janice Hawkey? Surely that's not Nancy Perrenoud. Kay McCahren, Sandy Taylor, ?, Dorothy Langley. Standing: Don Amundson, Kent Riemann [died in 8th grade] Bob Amburn, ?, ?, ?, Rose Marie Albert, ?, ?, ? Tom Rich, Geo. Aker, Merlin MacArthur, ? Top: Ronnie V., Fritz Lennon, Mike Myers, Mrs. McKillips, Russell McAlpin.... whoa! That's not Wally Boersma is it? I'm getting the name Doris Rider but not sure of the face.  
 This is the year before Tom Knutson moved in to the district and probably before RZimmerman too. Seventh Grade I would guess. '48-'49?  
**Ron Veenker '54**

On Oct 23, 2011, at 10:30 AM, **Harry Hoiland '54** wrote:  
 Jack - Here is one that our classmate, Gil Gjere '54, sent me that is really great! I think it would be nice if you shared it with your whole "classmate list"! Check it out and I think you will agree! [Penny Postcards](#)

Thanks to all of you that sent me this two minute video on beautiful South Dakota! If you haven't seen it, click on it and enjoy. [http://youtu.be/5F\\_YtUh5LiE](http://youtu.be/5F_YtUh5LiE).



For those of you that might be interested, "The Michael Jackson Immortal World Tour" debuted here in Las Vegas last Saturday night. Debra and I attended the Sunday night performance and as are all Cirque shows it is exciting & amazing with unbelievable high tech effects.



If you love **Doris Day** as much as I do, you will be glad to hear that on Dec. 2nd she released a new album of 13 previously unreleased songs. The only selection I personally choose to buy was, "**My One & Only Love**". In my opinion it is comparable to her very best. You can buy it on line from "iTunes" for 99 cents.