

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

An Internet Publication Especially for the Classes of the 1950's Decade.

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*Thanks To The Pavilion
and A Very Special Thanks To
Allison Hauck*



*For A Wonderful & Memorable
Reunion Weekend!*

All that remains of the 2010 All-School Reunion are the great memories and the many photographs. So many photographs it will take at least 3 Orange & Black issues to bring them all to you. NOTE: Photos will appear in the order taken. Anyone who did not attend WHS will not have a class year following their name.

Unofficial Wednesday Night Dinner at Minerva's.



Dick Viehweg '53 & Glen Jamtgaard '55.



Warner Brown '54 & Keith Hodge '54



Bob Zimmerman '54



Kent Morstad '54 & Larry Kracht

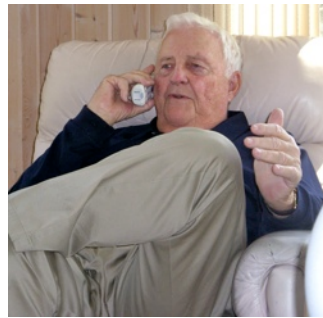
Photos taken On Thursday around Sioux Falls.



Nancy Perrnoud Keagy '54
& Don Keagy



Sandy Taylor Bauman '54



Dick Wold '53



Wayne Gustafson '54



Dorothy Lee Swanberg '54

Thursday evening Class of '54 Dinner.



Ron Veenker '54 &
Mary Kay Houston Moen '54



Jane Winnett '54 &
Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54



Dick Erickson '51 &
Ann Fuller '54

The CLASS OF 1954

held a reunion dinner at the Westward Ho Country Club in Sioux Falls on Thursday evening prior to the start of the All School Reunion. Chairwoman Jeannie Redfield Kracht did a great job organizing an evening that was obviously enjoyed by all 50 members of the class of '54 in attendance plus their spouses and guests. The evening begin with a most appropriate and fitting invocation given by Dorothy Lee Swanberg. Following dinner Bob Zimmerman introduced Ron Veenker who so thoroughly entertained everyone with his always funny impersonation of Victor Borge. Another most enjoyable part of the evening was Connie Hammitt Zimmerman and Jack Kittelson roaming randomly through the crowd with a microphone asking questions of classmates. When Don Knutson was given the microphone he stole the show with his montage of funny, funny one liners. If you were not in attendance, you missed a most nostalgic, comfortable and enjoyable evening.



Don Knutson '54 & Jane Winnett '54



Wauthena Nelson Brooks '54



Keith Hodge '54 & Betty Hodge '49



Sherill Harvey Kinsley '54 & Dick Kinsley



Sandy Taylor Bauman '54



Christina Riddle (daughter) & Marlys Rose Riddle '54



**Mary Lee Posz Altman '54, Lenny Blue '54
& Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54**



Karen McManus Kittelson '54



**Clare Vollan &
Carolyn Foss Vollan '54**



Wayne Gustafson '54 & Marlene Rance '61



**Beverly Caesar Baartman '54
& Nancy Holm Renner '54**



**Lois Rossow Gellerman '54
& Fred Gellerman**



**Mary Kay Houston Moen '54
& Jerry Moen '52**



Sandy Sona Ellis '54 & Bob Ellis



**Barbara Brooks Tascher '54
& Don Tascher**



Chad Hoyme '52 & Bill Frank '52



Lenny '54



Carolyn Bodley Johnson '55 & Dr. Daniel Johnson '54



**Warner Brown '54 &
Karen Gurley Brown '54**



**Shirley Cahow Phillips '54
& Ron Cahow '56**



**Charlene Hall (daughter) &
Carolyn Berry Christie '54 (mom)**



Harry Hoiland '54



Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54 & Larry Kracht



Bob Zimmerman '54 & Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54



Jack Kittelson '54 & Marcia Kittelson



Lorraine DeBoer Dahlhoff '54 & Floy Brown Newman '54



Richard Hass & Janice Steinmetz Hass '54



Dorothy Lee Swanberg '54 & Karen Holum '56



Milton Riise '54



Gary Carlson '50 & Dorothy Langley Carlson '54



Don Keagy & Nancy Perroud Keagy '54



Sharon Johnson Frank '54 & Bill Frank '52



Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54 & Chad Hoyme '52



Dick Viehweg '53 & Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54



Warner Brown '54 & Karen Gurley Brown '54



Howard Baartman & Beverly Caesar Baartman '54



Roslyn Lewin Bryner '54 & Fred Bryner



Nancy Holm Renner '54 & Don Renner '54



Corrine Albright Ludwig '54



Brother & Sister: Jim Redfield '50 & Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54



Kent Morstad '54 & Judy Morstad.



Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54



Dick Sweetman '54



Bob Zimmerman '54



Everyone enjoying Ron Veenkner's Victor Borge impersonation.



Ron Veenker '54



Colonel Don Knutson '54 making everyone laugh.



Washington High School's Class of 1954

Thursday evening Class of '55 Party.

The Class of '55

held a party for their class at the Holiday Inn City Center on Thursday evening and kindly invited the Class of '54 to join them after the Class of '54's dinner was over. I had planned on taking lots of photos of the Class of '55, but was disappointed to find their party had ended by the time I arrived and only the following few '55 classmates were still mingling. However, these few stragglers did convince me that I did get the cream of the class.



Mavis Larson Carl '55 & Kipp Koester '55



Roger Kielman '55 & Perm Kielman



Lois Russell Severson '55



Jim Parker '55



**Kay Severson '55
& Denny York '55**



Kipp Koester '55 & Mary Koester

I NOW ONLY NEED THE 1956 YEARBOOK Thanks To Mavis Larson Carl '55.

Mavis has always been such a huge help to me in providing timely information on the class of '55 for the O&B, but at our recent reunion she out did herself when she gave me such a wonderful surprise. She had obtained 3 out the 4 yearbooks I needed so badly. She gave me the '58, '59 and '60 yearbooks. Thank you so much Mavis. I really needed them and receiving them was like a wonderful Christmas present. I now only need the 1956 yearbook. Do you have one you can part with?

STORIES AND PHOTOS ON **YOUR CLASS.**

The Alumni version of the Orange & Black now reaches more than 500 WHS Alumni and I am happy to say that the mailing list increases everyday. If you know of someone who would like to receive the O&B please pass my email address, jackmp@me.com along to them. The class years represented in the circulation range from the late '30's through the '80's. Since the vast majority of subscribers are graduates from the fabulous '50's decade the O&B is now making a concerted effort to cover all of the classes from 1950 to 1959.

Since expanding the paper to cover those 10 great years the most frequent comment or request I receive is the most obvious, "***I am hoping to see articles on my class***". Of course everyone is most interested in seeing items that pertain to their class and the people they knew during our wonderful years at WHS. I assure you I want nothing more for the paper than to have each issue include stories and photos that each of you can identify with and enjoy. Ideally you will frequently find something about an old friend or acquaintance that will bring back a rush of wonderful old memories.

That can happen, but only with your help. Each issue primarily consists of photos and stories written and submitted by YOU, the readers. If you don't find something pertaining to your class in an issue it is simply because no one from your class submitted anything. If you would enjoy stories and photos from your class, I hope you will submit items and encourage your classmates to do the same.

If you submit a story, please remember to include photographs to go with it. Stories without at least one photo of yourself are usually not published. This photo policy does not apply to "***Letters To The Editor***". See "***Letter To The Editor***" story below.

"**Letters To The Editor**"

If you are shy, or a bit on the modest side, or just don't feel like writing a feature story on yourself for whatever reason, but you would like to make a comment, offer an opinion or make a suggestion on any subject a "***Letter To The Editor***" might be just right for you.

Your letter can be as brief as you like and even though a photo will always be appreciated, one is not required for your letter to be published. I will however usually use a yearbook photo with your letter.

There are many subjects you can voice your opinion on, but it would be timely now to tell us what you thought of the reunion, things you liked or disliked and suggested changes you would offer for future reunions, etc. etc. Of course suggestions for improving the Orange & Black will always be welcome too. Or you can just brag a bit as Peggy Teslow '57 did in her "***Letter To The Editor***".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**Peggy
Servold
Teslow**

Class of '57

I don't want to brag or make anybody jealous or anything, but I can still fit into the earrings I wore in high school.

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**Charles
Munce**

Class of '59

Jack
I am chuck munce
class of 1959
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I am looking for people who
took radio and tv electronics
classes from Mr Hale also ham
radio operators of the time
Thank's
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Correction & Addition to Mike Rich Story.

In the **Mike Rich** story (issue #7-10), I inadvertently omitted the following link to Mike's official bio.

It is very impressive, I hope you will check it out.

https://slsp.manpower.usmc.mil/gosa/biographies/rptBiography.asp?PERSON_ID=290&PERSON_TYPE=General

Mike has told me that since his story appeared in the O&B he has received many emails and phone calls from old lost friends. One was from a mutual friend of both Mike and myself named Dr. Vince Flynn of Coronado, CA. Vince, who Mike and I knew at the University of South Dakota after high school didn't attend WHS but Vince somehow saw that issue of the O&B. Generating re-connections like that between old and dear friends that have been separated by time is so super rewarding to me.

Mike Rich also sent the following 3 great pictures of the last 3 year's gathering of guys from the class of '57 at Pete Hegg's ranch in central SD. And speaking of **Pete Hegg '57**, big time congratulations are in order. In 2009 Pete was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame which is located in Chamberlain, SD. What a wonderful honor and from what I hear, truly deserved. **CONGRATULATIONS PETE!**



**Pete
Hegg**
Class of '57

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Left photo: Some of the men from the Class of '57 at Pete Hegg's Ranch in 2008: Kneeling: Larry Gleeson and Archie Stutenroth; front row: Arlen Knutson, Dave Wegner, Chad Boese, Pete Hegg, Mike Rich, and Gary Conradi; second row: Ron Warren, Dick Steineke, Rick Devereaux, Tom Johnson, and John Simko; third row: Greg Dallaire.

Right photo: Some of the men from the Class of '57 at Hegg Ranch in 2009: Front Row: Pete Hegg, Dave Wegner, Mike Rich, Arlen Knutson, Chad Boese, Archie Stutenroth, Jim Morton, and John Simko; back row: Mark Line, Ron Warren, Thane Johnson, Gary Conradi, Palmer Peterson, and Larry Gleeson. Missing: Ralph Scheinost





Some of the men from the Class of '57 at the Hegg Ranch in 2010: Front row: Pete Hegg, Arlen Knutson, Chad Boese, Mike Rich, Terry Robinson, Archie Stutenroth, Ralph Scheinost, Chuck Velure, and John Simko; Second row: Fred Fellows, Palmer Peterson, Tom Johnson, Larry Gleeson, Rick Devereaux, Mark Line. Third row in the center: Thane Johnson.

Sam Fantle Remembrances

written in response to help fill Sam's daughter, Melissa Davis's quest to learn more about her father who was killed in Vietnam while Melissa was still a child.

See Sam Fantle story, page 1 & 2 of O&B edition #6-10



**Judy
Sonnichsen
Schmuck
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I grew up going to Mark Twain grade school with Sam Fantle. He lived just a few blocks from me; I believe they lived between First Avenue and Pendar Lane on either 30th or 29th Street. One of my fondest memories is that Sam's folk had a vacant lot right next door to their home and every winter they would freeze water on that lot so that the neighbor kids had an ice skating rink. I spent hours over there skating with Sam and his sister.....**Judy Sonnichsen**



**Marcia
Blumberg
Oleisky
Class of '57**

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Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57, who now resides in Minneapolis sent me a wonderful, loving and truly caring letter that she wrote Melissa but asked that I forward it on to Melissa and not publish its contents.

Of course I was most happy to abide by Marcia's wishes, but I just felt I had to thank you Marcia and acknowledge your thoughtfulness and deep sensitivity. I am certain Melissa appreciated receiving your wonderful letter and all that you shared with her. Thank you, Jack



**John
Simko**
Class of '57

Dear Melissa,

Sam was one of the good guys! He lived in a house now occupied by Gary Thimsen and his wife Grace. Perhaps you have already seen the home, but if you are interested Gary and Grace would be pleased to show you around the home. Interestingly, they have a son in the military stationed in Germany. Your dad's Pendar Lane neighborhood was one of the two most prestigious neighborhoods in Sioux Falls in the fifties.

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Sam and Bob Bottge were our team managers for all sports. They were both good cops with the jocks and socks, but Sam was the easier touch. Bob was tough (we called him the Russian), so when Bob refused our requests Sam was always there to hear us out (that doesn't mean he always gave us what we wanted). Sam and I did not see each other again after finishing high school.

Mark Line and I talked about a memory of playing a pick up football game one Sunday afternoon while we were in high school on the old Augustana College football field. Sam's dad, your grandpa, came to play with us. Terry Bradley tackled him clean & hard, the way Terry played the game. Broke Sam's dad's arm.

Sam went to Mark Twain grade school along with Roger Wangsness, Bruce Qualset, and Mike Rich, to name a few. perhaps they can provide some grade school memories of your Dad.

Best Wishes to you and your family, Melissa! Sam would be very pleased to know that you named your first born Samuel.

John Simko



**Peggy
Servold
Teslow**
Class of '57

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Jack, you asked for tidbits on Sam Fantle I have attached several pictures of Sam; one in 3rd grade at Mark Twain Grade School (he's in the second row, right side). One on the playground at Mark Twain (he's standing in the back row, second from the right). Sam was my date at my first Job's Daughter's formal. I was astounded when my corsage arrived - it was 2 huge gardenias! Mrs. Fantle (Evelyn) called to see what the color of my formal was. I am seated at the left and Sam is in the back.

Then here I am at the Vietnam Wall pointing to Sam's name.

Sam's mom lost 3 children and Susie, who lives in the Denver area, is the lone survivor. Evelyn was a wonderful person and while working at Park Ridge Drug she was so kind to my mother and me.

Feel free to send my e-mail to his daughter and perhaps I will be able to garner up some stories that would delight her. Peg Teslow '57

Thanks to Doug Aldrich '57 for also submitting the 3rd grade M.T. photo.



Class of '57's 3rd grade Mark Twain photo. Row 1 Doug Aldrich, Betty Norris, Hugh Daly, Susan Sercl Row 2 Ron Beck, Marcia Blumberg, Sam Fantle Row 3 Karen Grove, Roger Barnes, Ralph Brown Row 4 Chuck ?, Garnis Olsen, Hinde Light, Marlene Fisher



Class of '57 on Mark Twain playground. Yr. unknown.



Sam Fantle, 3rd boy from left escorting Peggy Servold Teslow, seated on left, to her first Job's Daughter's Formal.



Peggy Servold Teslow pointing out Sam Fantle's engraved name on the Vietnam War Memorial. Yr. unknown.



Doug Aldrich
Class of '57

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Jack, I really don't have too many stories about Sam other than we played together various times in grade school. (We went different ways in WHS due to interests etc.) However, we managed to get in trouble at the Pettigrew museum together in 3rd, got kicked out of music class in 5th for making squeaking noises in the chorus, etc. Sam could sing well, and had a lead in the Mikado we did in one of the higher grades.

I went to his house to play at times and thought his home was a mansion on Pendar Lane (I think.) I won't forget his pointer dog Blue. Sam told me that the dog liked to have people blow in its face; I did and the dog about snapped my nose off. Funny, in one of those early visits, I recall his sister Stephanie complaining loudly to their dad about something. He turned to her and said quiet down or you won't get your new bra. I didn't know what that was then!

I remember as a senior when he told me he was applying to UoM in Ann Arbor, I thought it was the end of the earth. Then I ended up living in Michigan for 30 years and to AA many times. We saw each other sometimes during college breaks, but he told me he was going into the Air Force. I was sad when I heard he was shot down and missing for sometime. My mother went to a service when it was confirmed he was killed.

I don know if Sam's family has his 3rd grade picture (Mrs. Simon at Mark Twain. He's in the first seat of the 2nd row and I'm in the last seat of the 1st row. We had good times those early years!

Doug Aldrich, Thornton, CO



Lois Bjerk Fritz
Class of '58

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Your articles on those who lost their lives during the war were heartwarming and tho I didn't know Sam Fantle personally everyone surely knew him. He was bigger than life at school and you always knew when he was around. Thanks again for all your efforts. Lois Fritz nee Bjerk.

NEXT ISSUE: More All School Reunion Coverage.