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The Orange & Black

By

Stephen Veenker '59

Stephen Veenker '59
WHS Senior Photo

Most of us never had the slightest idea how great our printed Orange and Black was. We were spoiled. Every Friday afternoon staffers went from room to room during the last period with a bundle of newspapers, which were happily grabbed when the bell rang. That newspaper was six or eight pages of original material, totally created and produced in room 312 and the adjoining newspaper lab, at the top of the stairway.

Students wrote the news, columns, features and editorials, set the type, hand-set the headlines, pasted up the pages, shot the photos, developed and printed the pictures, and sent the finished art off to Shoppers News every Wednesday. The printer stocked high-quality offset stock for us, shot the negs and made the plates, and produced 2,200 or so copies every single week from September to the end of May. The Holiday and Graduation issues went to 12 pages, in black and one or two colors.

And every year we entered our editions in a national competition, the National High School Scholastic Press Association. And year after year we finished first in the nation among schools of our size. Nobody took notice. We were used to it; we were spoiled.

We sent our editions to several other schools, in exchange. I read the others most of the time. Turns out nobody did it all themselves; many sent handwritten or typewritten copy off to the printer, who did the production themselves and sent back the results. Most were 4-pages, 8x11, monthlies or semi monthlies.

I never learned of a school where they did it all themselves and produced six or eight pages, tabloid size, every week. Nobody told us it was impossible, so we just did it, week in, week out.

Lorraine Norman presided over this operation, and expected full participation of all the staff. We weren't told we were doing more than 99% of the other schools in the country. We just did what was expected. Miss Norman also taught us the professional aspects of journalism, and the standards of the industry. We held those standards.

Granted, this was the 1950s. We didn't take on the administration, demonstrate for student rights, champion minorities. But we tried to keep tabs on everything important around the school.

We sold the ads, then wrote the copy, did the art, pasted them up, and put them in the page forms. We had an IBM executive typewriter, for most copy, which had proportional spacing. We had an Addressograph Multigraph Vari-typer, a "cold strike" machine with lead fonts, like the print shops used. I ran that one and had fun doing fancy stuff.



VariTyper



Mike Claseman '59
WHS Senior Photo



Karen Luken '59
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Paul Johnson '57
WHS Senior Photo

In my era, 56-59, we were fortunate to have **Mike Claseman '59** on staff. Our camera was a 4x5 inch Press Graphic, common in most newspapers then. Mike would take the exposed film to his dad's shop, develop it, and bring prints back next morning. Photos by Gene, remember? Mike and I took lots of pics. We also had a Polaroid 110 for grabshots.

In summary, our printed O&B was one of the best and most ambitious high school newspapers in the United States. We can and should be proud of our heritage, and of Jack's continuing maintenance of that professional quality in our current online O&B.

At the Class of '59's 50th reunion I got to spend an afternoon with Lorraine Norman. We had a lovely time remembering the 50s and covering the years since. I wanted to talk with her again for this article, but missed the opportunity, and now she is on the other side.

Still, I know she was always pleased when one of us went to a newspaper full-time. The late **Karen Luken '59** served her whole career at the Sioux City Journal, and left a huge legacy there. I don't know how many others became journalists.

For my part, when I came to Sioux Falls in 1963 for a pre-induction physical, I went to Miss Norman's room to say hi. She showed me a letter just received from **Paul Johnson '57**, a previous O&B editor, about a professional guarantee for army enlistees. They said for a 3 year enlistment you would work in one's chosen field. I went to the recruiters' office and signed up just before my draft notice went out.

I had to hold out for that guarantee but eventually got sent to Armed Forces Radio -TV in the Canal Zone, then transferred to the Southern Command's Information Office as a radio producer. That tour kept me out of rotation to Vietnam.

On stateside leave I visited the Chicago Tribune, and met Walt Simmons, the features editor. He was an Argus-Leader alum; his brother Wilmer was still the Argus' photo editor. Lloyd Wendt, also from Sioux Falls, was Walt's predecessor and by then the publisher of Chicago's American. The Cubs were covered by Dick Dozier, another Argus alum. The day I returned to Chicago from the Army the Tribune hired me, and I started the following day. Miss Norman was pleased!

Our newspaper deserves to be remembered fondly! And you keep up the tradition, Jack! Thanks always, from and for all of us!

Stephen Veenker '59

O&B Editors From The '50's Decade



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and second semester editors Don Veglahn and Burl Baker.





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Donna Dennis



Harry Poletes



1951/1952 Second Semester Editors
Tom Hunt



Ranae Lehr



1952/1953 First Semester Editors
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Jim Ward



1952/1953 Second Semester Editors
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Bob Brenner



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First Semester
Editor



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1st Semester Asst. Ed.
2nd Semester Editor



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2nd Semester
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Miss. Norman 1950 Warrior Photo

Lorraine Norman was truly loved and respected by her many students. Her first year at WHS was 1950 and in addition to teaching English, she served as Faculty "Adviser" to the O&B for our entire decade of the fifties. Her students must have loved and respected her because in these two photos taken ten years apart she doesn't look any worse from the wear.

Sadly, Miss Norman passed away on August 12, 2014 at the age of 91. Below is her obituary as it appeared in the Alumni O&B. She so obviously left a truly lasting legacy with so many young people during her devoted life of teaching.



Miss Norman 1959 Warrior Photo



Miss. Norman
1956 Warrior

The O&B Regrets To Announce The Passing Of **Lorraine Norman** June 5, 1923 - August 21, 2014



Lorraine A. Norman, longtime educator in the English Department of Washington Senior High School in Sioux Falls, died August 21, 2014, at Bethesda Nursing Home, Beresford, SD. She was 91.

Lorraine A. Norman was born June 5, 1923, in Centerville, SD, to Ed and Martha (Hansen) Norman. She graduated from high school at Beresford, SD in 1941, and attended Augustana College where she received her BA degree. Lorraine taught school in Canton, SD for a period of time before beginning her life-long teaching career in the English Department at Washington Senior High School. During the summer months, Lorraine earned her MA degree through the University of Minnesota. For several years, she pursued and taught summer school at many regional colleges and universities.

Lorraine taught English, Journalism, Mass Media, and was the faculty advisor of the WSHS newsletter, The Orange and Black. She was a mentor to many students and adults alike, and enjoyed seeing them succeed. Lorraine retired from teaching in 1984. Gifted at developing a special bond with her students, Lorraine was often honored and humbled to receive visits and words of thanks from her former students. **Continued page 7.**

Active in her community, Lorraine loved to entertain. For years, she enjoyed hosting dinners, coffee parties and having company after special events. She blessed many people with her gift of hospitality, and those attending always came away feeling special. A lifelong member of Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church of Beresford, SD, she was also active with Central Baptist Church, SDEA, NEA, Journalism Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Phi Delta Kappa, Augustana Fellows, and the Annie Talent Society. Lorraine loved poetry and artwork, and in her free time enjoyed refinishing furniture and spending time compiling the Norman family history. Blessed with a spirit of compassion, Lorraine was a gracious lady with a servant heart who loved the Lord, and served Him her whole life.

Grateful for having shared her life are her sister, Berniece Thissell, Beresford, SD; nieces and nephews, Norman Hovda, Nancy (Ed) Wick, Dan (Carol) Thissell, Lois Fitzgerald, Jane (Wayne) Smith, Peter (Doreen) Fahlberg, John (Sandy) Fahlberg; and a host of friends, grand-nieces and nephews, and great- grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a twin sister who was stillborn; two sisters, Leona and her husband, Thor Hovda, Maurine and her husband Wes Fahlberg; brother-in-law, Donald Thissell; and her dear friend, Signie Johnson.

Funeral Services celebrating Lorraine's life will begin 10:00 am Monday August 25, 2014, at the Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church, Beresford, SD. Open visitation for the public will take place from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Sunday at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls.

Alumni O&B Epilogue: I am quite certain that I am speaking on behalf of the entire WHS student body from the fifties decade when I say how proud we all were of our truly outstanding weekly newspaper. The high level of professionalism was always so evident in every single issue. I am sure all of you that worked so hard on each issue received at the time much thanks and congratulations on such a wonderful finished product. But now, all these years later, here is one more congratulation and thank you. You all should be forever proud of your wonderful production all those years ago.

I never worked on the O&B staff, but now in hindsight if I would have, I would have chosen to work on the 1957 / 1958 staff. As you can see from these last four photos in this O&B tribute, there were only three males on the O&B staff that year. Those three very wise young men were, my good friend, Tom Muilenburg, (deceased), Mike Howes and Mike Schemer (deceased) . Jack Phillips



**Mike Howes and Mike Schemer
O&B Sports Staff**

Newspaper

**The mostly female and all
beautiful O&B staff of '57/'58.**

Front row, L to r.: Sally Shultz,
feature editor; Bev Hewlett,
managing editor; Betsy Adams,
news editor. 2nd row: Jan Her-
man, managing editor; Nancy
Hurwitz, news editor; and
Jeanne Hurwitz, advertising
manager.





Ad Salesmen—Front row, l. to r.: Joyce DeGroot, Linda McFarland, Judy Shoemaker, Betsy Brownell. 2nd row: Sharon Norris, Karla Erickson, Ruth Quinn, Becky Perry, Jeanne Hurwitz, and Betsy Adams.

Reporters—Front row, l. to r.: Kathy Hayes, Cyndee Huffman, Lenny Layre, Mary Saavedra, Diane Daggett, Jean Reaves, Pat Bohlman, Sharon Carlson. 2nd row: Sally Shultz, Susan Larson, Bev Hewlett, Janet Herman, Nancy Hurwitz, Joyce Anderson, Mary Cook, and Karen Brokke.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...

Former educator heads back to school in retirement

VIRGINIA OLSON
FOR THE ARGUS LEADER

Football tales can morph into legends.

Don Erickson has become notorious in one of those old stories. He was the seventh-grade football coach at Whittier Junior High when he chose student Neil Graff to play quarterback. As the story goes, Erickson lined the whole team up and chose Graff because he had the biggest hands. Graff went on to become an all-state quarterback, played at the University of Wisconsin and for seven seasons in the NFL.

"Neil tells this story a lot," Erickson said. "It seems that over the years, it just keeps getting bigger and better. You never know what you have said as a teacher or coach that will stick with students and what they will always remember."

Erickson knows there are lots of stories about him. After all, he was a teacher, a coach and a principal for the Sioux Falls School District for 40 years before retiring in 1997.

Erickson began his career in education at Whittier teaching history and government and coaching. After seven years at the junior high, he spent one year as a teacher and coach at Washington High School before moving to Lincoln

High School in 1965. He coached tennis at Lincoln and returned to Washington in 1971, coaching basketball for two years before becoming a principal in 1972. He shifted to Roosevelt High School in 1991 when the third high school opened and was an administrator there until 1997.

"There are different challenges as a principal," he said. "But no matter what the situation, it is important to be fair, firm and friendly."

Erickson said there were many great moments in his 40 years as an educator, and along the way he got the opportunity to bond with kids in sports and in the classroom.

As part of the new Lincoln faculty, Erickson remembers when the school opened its doors in October 1965.

"The new high school was one of the finest facilities in the country and designed to meet student needs. It even had a huge parking lot, an amenity that was almost unheard of at a school," he said. "The students coming to this new building were in awe. They realized they were part of something fresh and new."

Part of his job as an administrator was running Howard Wood Field. Following the mandates of Title IX, he made sure a girls locker room was

installed at the stadium. "In the late '70s, making this change at Howard Wood Field was a major issue and a large undertaking for the school district symbolically," he said.

As a veteran educator, Erickson said the top rule for a teacher, a coach or a principal is, "You have to be the person you want the kids to be."

"A good teacher can spark interest," he said. "It is great when young people in the classroom respond to your direction and receive the benefits of what you are teaching. It goes without saying, a teacher or coach is most effective if he or she is positive."

Even though he is retired, for the past four years, Erickson has gone back to school. He attends classes at Sioux Falls Seminary, where he is studying history.

When it comes to taking tests, Erickson said he is "hanging in there."

Don Erickson '54 Well Deserved Argus Tribute



Judy & Don Erickson

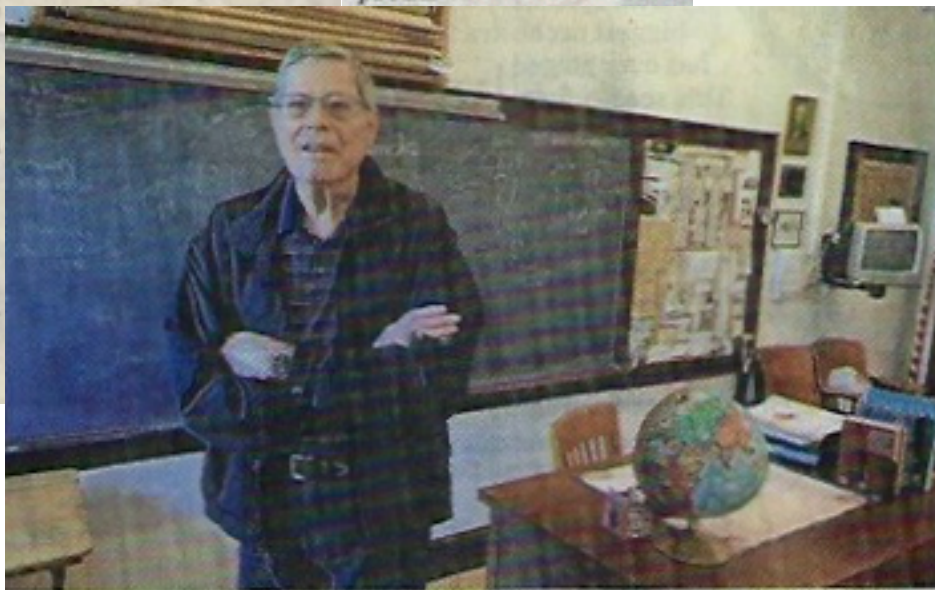
Each day requires two to three hours of reading and rereading, he said.

Erickson and his wife, Judy, live in Sioux Falls. Their two children live in Washington, D.C., and New Hampshire, but Erickson said he is thrilled that his grandson, Austin Erickson, is now a junior at Augustana University.

"My grandson is the fourth generation to attend Augustana," he said. "I couldn't be more proud."



Don Erickson '54
WHS Senior Photo



ELISHA PAGE / ARGUS LEADER

Don Erickson graduated from Washington High School and later returned as an administrator.

This great story on a great guy, a great educator and a great friend recently appeared in the Argus Leader. The story is such a well deserved tribute to a truly class gentleman that devoted 40 years of his life to Sioux Falls and it's young people. On behalf of the thousands of young people you so positively touched, we thank you Don.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your O&B Editor Writing, "A Letter To The Editor":

Ron Veenker '54, my very good friend and classmate wrote me the following email (in red), way back on Dec. 28th. It is one of the nicest and most moving personal emails I have ever received. It meant so much to me that I have had difficulty knowing how to best respond to it. Finally I decided my response should be in the O&B so I could share some of the not so personal excerpts of his letter with all of you. It is special, thoughtful, loving letters like this one from Ron that make the job of publishing the O&B so rewarding and so worth while to me.

So Ron, thank you for being my friend, for your beautiful letter and for making the considerable effort to attend the 2015 All School Reunion all the way from your home on the beach in Holden Beach, NC.

I would also like to thank you for the really, REALLY funny, Abbot and Costello, "Who's On First" bit, you and **Wayne Mitchell '54** did for our Class of '54 dinner on Thursday night during the 2015 ASR. As you could tell from our classes' reaction, it was hilarious! Our class has always been so fortunate to have you and your tremendous musical talent to entertain us at each of our reunions.

As always, I will be looking forward to seeing you at our 65th class reunion in 2019. Ron, we really should compare our bricks, **Jean Redfield Kracht '54**, gave me an "**Emerson Brick**". I am sure my Emerson brick is a superior brick!

Your good friend,

Jack Phillips '54

On Dec 28, 2015, **Ronald Veenker '54** rveenker@ec.rr.com wrote: (----- = personal excerpts.)

Dear Jack,

I hope you enjoy this musical video. I thought of you several times while watching it. I used to stop on my way into Teen Canteen at the "Y" and watch you jitterbugging in that dark dance room on the right, just inside the front door. I was always amazed at your skill and that of your partners.

As you'll recall, I almost didn't attend the 60th. ----- . I loved the 50th I will hasten to add. Then you called and ----- . Your kindness and caring about my attending touched me deeply. So I ----- came to the 60th.

Well it was the best one of my life. I can't thank you enough for encouraging me to attend. ----- . But that ----- made the difference. I really felt wanted. I had such a fine time with all the gang, **Bob and Connie Zimmerman '54** especially, but everyone. That 9th floor lounge at the Holiday Inn gave us such great opportunities to get together after and before hours.

So, I started thinking about the All-School as soon as it was announced. ----- . The 2015 All School was simply outstanding. It was so good to see so many from other class both ahead of us and behind. We had the extra night on Thursday which was a great experience. I know you get many emails thanking you for all you do, but none is more sincere than this one. This year's reunion was the best one of my life. Many things happened that got my attention and made me think about my life and all our lives. I think our years in Sioux Falls, from around 1942-1954, were great years for our community's growth and development. We were very, very fortunate to end up then and there together. The class of '54 has so many outstanding people in it. Our glorious four years of winning on the gridiron lives in all of our



Ron Veenker '54
WHS Senior Photo



Wayne Mitchell '54
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Jean Redfield Kracht '54
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Bob Zimmerman '54
WHS Senior Photo



Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54
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Bob Berguin '53
WHS Senior Photo

hearts to this day. It was great to run into **Bob Berguin '53** this year and remember his leadership in the fall of '53. I can't help but feel that we had something no one else had growing up. Anywhere, anytime. Thanks for helping keep us together and to be thankful for our dear friends and great memories. And thanks for making a difference in my life.

all the best, always,
Ron Veenker '54

PS: **Marilynn Hill Viehweg '54** got me a brick from the ruins of **Mark Twain**. heh heh heh

Here is a link to enjoy for the holidays.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/khQN5ylb3H0>



Marilynn Hill Viehweg '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 23, 2015, **Jeff Kayl '69** Jeff.Kayl@everestre.com wrote:

Jack, My mother and I very much enjoyed the All-School Reunion last Sat. night. I was hoping to get a chance to say 'Hi,' but perhaps some other time. My wife, Yuriko, and I get to Vegas about every three years or so and might be able to see you there.

Here's the first of three framed Warrior yearbooks from my father's and his younger brothers' years at WHS. My dad was a grad of WHS and served in the 2nd Marine Division in WW II.

These books are hanging in the stairwell leading to his two sports rooms in his basement in his home in Sioux Falls.

Cheers, **Jeff Kayl '69**



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 5, 2016, **jeff herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack---greetings! A note of an unusual request (and if you feel this is not appropriate, I will completely understand): when sending an edition (**letters to the editor**) of the *ORANGE AND BLACK* would it be possible to include a note from me requesting info. on my uncle, **Jim Herbert (class of 49)**---any one who has remembrances of him would be welcome to email me or mail me. He passed away in 1977--he was a dentist in Sioux Falls, held great love of WSHS---the story is longer, and I will be happy to give more info. if you need it---thanks--no hurry as I have been looking for info. for 39 years---best wishes---and again--either way is fine---

Jeff Herbert '74



Jim Herbert '49
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Editor's note: Jeff and his entire family has a long and wonderful legacy with WHS. In addition to Jeff graduating from WHS in '74, he also taught and coached at WHS for over 20 years. His father, Kenny, graduated in '43 and his Uncle Jim in '49. His Mom substitute taught at WHS for 50 years and now his children have, or will attend WHS. The Herbert family have given so much to WHS, I now hope those of you who knew Jim, from the class of '49, will send me your memories of him so I can pass them along to Jeff.

Jack Phillips '54



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 2, 2016, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Don Noordsy <heythere63@comcast.net>

Subject: Fwd: Charles Janssen

Date: December 30, 2015 at 9:17:15 AM EST

To: Lisa Abbas <lajanssen@sio.midco.net>

Hi Lisa.....

My name is Don Noordsy, and I was a member of the WHS class of 1958 and a classmate of your father. I knew him in high school, but not well, from our association in Hi-Y. I received the Jack Phillips "Orange & Black Letters to the Editor" edition earlier today and in it I read an email you had written to Jeff Herbert looking for something your father had written for his 50th high school reunion. Jeff passed your email on to Jack, and Jack in turn included it in his publication and requested that anyone who had the information pass it on to you.

The Class of 1958 Reunion Booklet was created for our 50th Reunion held in Sioux Falls in 2008. The booklet was put together by classmate Janet Herman Frey, who now lives in Roseville, MN. Each classmate was asked to write a short bio so it could be included in the booklet that was made available at the reunion. Below (in red) is a copy of the information that your father sent to Janet and was included in the booklet.

I am saddened to learn that your father is not in good health. Please pass on my regards to him and know that the thoughts and prayers of all his WHS classmates are with him.

Don Noordsy '58

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I am married to Karen Langer from Fulda, MN. We have a son, Bryan, who lives in Phoenix and a daughter, Lisa Abbas, who lives in Sioux Falls. I graduated from Augustana College with a degree in Business Administration and Economics. I am a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I held various administrative positions with Norwest Corporation/Wells Fargo and Company and retired as Regional Senior Vice President and Director of Human Resources for a 7 state area. I worked in Sioux Falls, the corporate office in Minneapolis, Sioux City and finally back in Sioux Falls. I coached my son's and daughter's soccer teams for 10 years plus/minus. We considered "fun" and learning more important than winning, but still managed to win several city and state tournaments. I volunteered for United Way for many years in several cities, serving in various roles, most recently as Allocation Division Chair in Sioux Falls. I also worked with the Chamber of Commerce for many years in several cities, serving in various roles, most recently as Human Resources consultant in Sioux Falls. I also served with numerous other community and professional organizations.





On Feb 6, 2016, **Dennis Kolbrek '56**

<dkolbrek@gmail.com>

wrote:

Good morning Jack,

Thank you for the good work. I was sorry to see that another of our classmates died, Jean Reynolds. We will be out of town next Wednesday I think so won't be able to go to the funeral. Another classmate has died and I don't know if we have had a notice of that or not. If we have then I guess I missed it.

David Harms died in December of 2014 in Coral Gables, FL. That information is from his sister, Joyce Harms Clark of Colorado. I am on Facebook with her. David had been married to a DeBoer but I don't think that lasted very long.

Now that I live in Brandon I have been in touch with Georgia Everson Johnson and will be working with a committee to plan our 60th reunion the weekend of September 17. I noted in the Buzzbook she sent me that just over a 100 of our classmates live in Sioux Falls, Brandon or Tea. Many others certainly live close enough to come for an evening or daytime event. Perhaps a new "voice" doing some calling can shake some of them loose. We shall see.

We have actually had a pretty good winter. Trust you are enjoying the warm weather.

Sincerely, Dennis L. Kolbrek '56

Picture of Carolyn and me at Christmastime in our twin home at Bethany Meadows in Brandon.



Carolyn and Dennis '56 Kolbrek

EDITOR'S NOTE: 60TH REUNION FOR CLASS OF '56 TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

On Feb 29, 2016, at 7:23 AM, **Martha Pasco '61** <mjpasco@msn.com> wrote:

Good Morning '61 Classmates --

I feel I only communicate with you all when someone has passed away. So here I am again. In the Argus Leader OB's February 18th was Marsha Heyer's Obituary. You can check it out on www.millerfh.com.

Hope you all have had a super Winter where ever you are. We stay pretty much up here in Hendricks, MN year around. I guess we are gluttons for punishment.

Have a super day.

Martha (Tyler) Pasco '61



**Peggy Teslow '57
WHS Senior Photo**

On Dec 30, 2015, **Peggy Teslow '57** <pwolset@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Just recently found out that Bruce Qualset (Class of '57) has Hodgins (not sure what kind) and is in a nursing home in Santee, CA. For those who may wish to send a note, his address is Stanford Court Nursing Center, 8778 Cuyamaca Street, Santee, CA 92071.



**Bruce Qualseth '57
WHS Senior Photo**



Paul Anderson '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 17, 2016, **Paul Anderson '58**

<guypithecus@att.net> wrote:

Carlos E. (Corky) Moreaux , WHS class of '57 passed peacefully in his sleep early this month in Lake City, Fla. while attended by his son Clint. He attended South Sioux Grade School and Washington High where he was liked by all who knew him and was popular with students of both younger and older classmates.



Cork Moreaux '57
WHS Senior Photo

He was another casualty of the war in Vietnam. As a Marine, his duty in Vietnam was helicopter maintenance, and had to hose the Agent Orange residue off the machines before he could perform his duties. Cork survived his last years of life with severe respiratory illness that was obviously due to his military service.

After serving his country, Cork worked for a large company performing testing and calibrating of oil wells in countries all over the world and finally retired in Lake City, Florida to be near his family.

Cork was the best man at our wedding in 1959 and the last time we were together was at our 50th wedding anniversary in Illinois. Because he wasn't computer friendly, I always sent him the printouts of the O&B emails so he could keep up the news of the people he cared for.

The next time you get on your knees, please ask the Good Lord to take good care of our friend Cork.

Paul Anderson '58

On Feb 23, 2016, **Paul Anderson '58** <guypithecus@att.net> wrote:

Jack, Sorry about the delay in getting back to you about Cork. I searched for an obituary, but couldn't find one. His son Clint contacted Haskell Bee, and Haskell phoned us with the news. He told Clint that he want his ashes scattered in the Black Hills. This is the most recent photo I have of Cork. It was taken 7 years ago at our 50th wedding anniversary.



From left to right: Cork Moreaux '57, Haskell Bee '59, Paul Anderson '58, Pat Early Ryan '59 (Cathedral), Maureen Lawler Anderson '59 (Cathedral), Julie Johnson Bee '59.



Cork Moreaux '57



Haskell Bee '59



Paul Anderson '58



Julie Johnson '59

All WHS Senior Photos



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 2, 2016, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Thanks again Jack for your remembering of the '50's grads & pass on a "hi" the Keith Hill whom I saw on a prior reunion.

Many have since passed. Remember John well & that infectious smile which he obviously retained thru out his life.

Hate to take up any space in your publication but please know it's fun remembering my old classmates, reviewing their accomplishments & sad to see them pass on.

Jim Redfield. 1950 class.

This is from a non WHS friend. If you enjoyed **Groucho** I think you will enjoy this.

What a classic! You've got to be older to REALLY remember/appreciate this. This is too funny not to share. "Gonzalez Gonzales"! You may remember Gonzales Gonzales from John Wayne movies. He provided comedy in Rio Bravo, Hell-fighters, and several other Wayne movies. This video shows where he got his start. He innocently appeared as a contestant on 'You Bet Your Life' with Groucho Marx. As the questioning continued, it got funnier & funnier. Groucho took advantage of the situation based upon audience laughter.

John Wayne happened to be watching the show and contacted him after the event. John Wayne insisted he play himself in the movies. Gonzales became a popular character in JW movies. **Jack Phillips '54**

<http://www.chonday.com/Videos/funny-mexican-guy-with-groucho-marx#.UfVbmBN44>



Roger Mickelson '54

On Jan 30, 2016, **Roger Mickelson '54** RogerAnn@aol.com wrote:

Jack,

Thanks for the news...sad as it is. I recall Roz from early grade school days, her house facing the park was a short cut from my cousin Jack White's back yard--- broke through the hedge.

Regards, **Roger Mickelson '54**

On Feb 20, 2016, **Belinda Flanagan '61** <lflana7228@aol.com>

Jack I think another reason that some people do not attend is that they see people that they had special relationships with at other times. We found that the Class of 1961 people that lived in and around Sioux Falls were less inclined to come to the 50th reunion. I think because they ran in people who they knew all the time. I like the idea of an all school reunion and enjoyed this one. Well done!

Belinda (Linda Eaves) Flanagan '61



On Feb 1, 2016, **DONALD KLINEFELTER '54** <dosy@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, Thanks for the article..It gave me thoughts to ponder. The only class in High School that I almost failed was History and even with Mrs. Kunkle tutoring me after class, she did pass me. Today I find it the most intriguing part of my life, especially "THE BIBLE " as it is like opening todays newspaper or watching the news media on T.V. From the beginning of man history seems to repeat itself again and again.

Today our founding fathers would be aghast at the Christian Nation that they established to find what our Government has done to quiet the belief this nation was founded on by banning just the carrying of the Bibles in school. Doing away with the Ten Commandments, etc.

I do pray for our country constantly but also know our God is in control and Jesus Christ is the answer to eternal life. Love ya, Jack-----**Don Klinefelter '54**

Thanks Donald. I'm praying for our country too. Jack



Dave Paulson '53
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On Feb 20, 2016, **David D Paulson '53** <ddpaulson@att.net> wrote:

Jack, thanks for the All Class Reunion report. Wish I could have been there. I noted that my class of '53 was well represented. I still think about my attending at least one celebration. Several pals have since passed.

No doubt the 50's in Sioux Falls were something that we can call special. After graduating from USD I got drafted and ended up working with guys who had graduated from college's like Harvard, Stanford, Northwestern, UCLA etc. I had no problem fitting in with these guys.

I came to the conclusion us South Dakota folks could go anywhere and not have to take a backseat to anyone. WHS was a great school with a lot of great kids and teachers.

Thanks again for the excellent report and to those who worked hard to put it on, and to all those who attended.

Your friend,
Dave Paulson



Georgia Severson '56
WHS Senior Photo

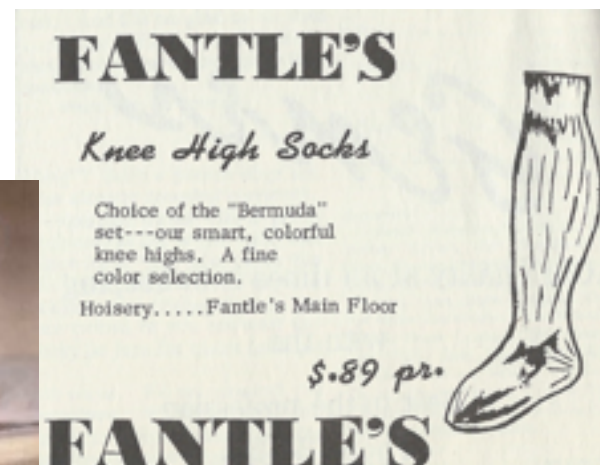
On Mar 13, 2016, **Georgia Severson '56** Gjtn7odsf@aol.com wrote:

Jack, I have three more names to add to our class of 1956 deceased list.
Diane Ayres, Ross Kremer and Loren Wittrock

Thanks for all that you do to keep all of us informed. It is really appreciated although I don't think we let you know often enough. But you would be surprised at the people that reference something that they have read in the O&B.

Georgia Severson Johnson '56

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On Feb 21, 2016, Jim Redfield '50 jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: What a great obituary for one of my classmates, Carolyn Knight. She blossomed into an extraordinary individual, professional, talented, giving & a real fighter for life in spite of overwhelming medical inhibitors. Makes some of old turkeys ashamed we complain about much less significant ailments & disabilities compared to her challenges & achievements. It was strange when I went to open this issue of your O&B news I saw in my minds eye, what Carolyn looked like, before I saw the graduation photo! I was right on & that's pretty good for this old bird who can't even remember what he did yesterday! I do remember her well

and our loss is heaven's gain.

Condolences to the family,

Jim Redfield,' 50



Sara Hart Blizzard '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 25, 2016, Sara J. Blizzard '58 <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:

Thanks Jack for the pictures and your view of the ASR. I am one of the ones not in attendance----it just wasn't to be for me. I don't think anyone from '58 attended which is really sad. I know exactly what you mean by the Sioux Falls grads not attending. We had the same when we held our 55th. And even the 50th. It is always easy to find an excuse not to attend but I sure did think of WHS that weekend and wonder how it was going. I have such deep feelings of love for WHS and Sioux Falls. I guess the fact that I haven't been there in nearly 56 years except for short visits make it all the more special. I loved all the years we lived in Minneapolis, and our year in Calif. But nothing compares with Sioux Falls. We have been in Fla. since '71, raised our children here. How I wish I could have given them the life I knew in Sioux Falls. Our daughter and I often talk of what she missed by not remaining in Minn. She has truly good friends from her HS years and

sees them whenever she is home but the education she was getting in New Brighton was far superior to here. Life hands us lemons many times and we must find a way to make either lemonade or a pie to sweeten the bitterness----at least we have wonderful memories. I do hope that there is another ASR and that I am able to attend. I had said if no one in Sioux Falls stepped in to do a 60th for our class I would do one here (I'll never do one long distance again) but I doubt that will materialize as too many are not interested in traveling this far (we are nearly falling off the edge of the world you know!) And when contemplating WHS reunions I always think of my parent's home town of Philip, SD. Most of my cousins went to school there too and when they have their ASRs every one of them tries to get back to it!!!! I so remember my dad and #2 Mom going back for what I think was his 50th. Sis had such a great time despite being near death from cancer----she laughed so telling me stories of Dad's friends! Reunions should be that way---memorable times for memories. I do hope somehow there will be another ASR and that you can keep the O&B going-----it is such a delight to see it show up in my "mailbox."

Thanks again, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58**



On Mar 14, 2016, James Wylie '51 <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Once again--thanks for the Buell Donaldson report--one of my class. I did not know his story. Buell, Sir, Thank you for your Service to America. Forgive me for repeating myself, but the tug I feel at reading this notice confirms again the importance of your work. God Bless. **Jim Wylie '51**