

# THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK NEWSLETTER

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**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD**  
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!  
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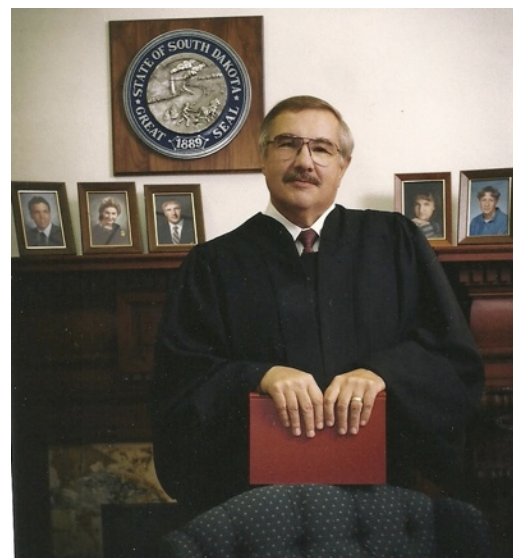


**Bob Miller '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

Hello, Jack

As you know, in 2001, I retired as Chief Justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court. Recently, in going through my files, I came upon 2 photos that reflect 2 truly memorable, but drastically different, occasions that occurred during my career: one was from a very happy and joy-filled day and the other from a truly horrible one. I have attached the photos to this email message.

On January 8, 1991, I had the great honor and pleasure of administering the oath of office to my friend, Governor George S. Mickelson (WHS '59) for his second term in office. With him in the photo is his wife, Linda McCahren Mickelson (WHS'59).



**The Honorable Robert Miller**  
South Dakota Chief Justice  
Served 31 years in SD Judiciary

Certainly, all of us definitely recall that horrible afternoon in April, 1993, when we learned that Governor Mickelson died in the tragic plane crash in Iowa. Following a night filled with grief and a total lack of sleep and consulting with other justices and government leaders, the next day I administered the gubernatorial oath of office to Lt. Gov. Walter Dale Miller. It was a day filled with sadness and tears.

Robert Miller story continued on page 2.

left: The Honorable Robert A. Miller '57, administering the oath of office to his friend, Governor George S. Mickelson (WHS '59) on January 8, 1991. At Governor Mickelson's side during the swearing in ceremony was his wife, Linda McCahren Mickelson also a member of the WHS class of '59.





I served in the South Dakota judiciary for nearly 31 years. From 1971 - 1986, I was a circuit judge in Pierre. I was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 and was selected Chief Justice in 1990, where I remained until my retirement in 2001. My judicial years were filled with memories of innumerable cases and occasions; some were pleasant, some not. But nothing compares to the emotions that return to me by looking at these photos.

George Mickelson was an outstanding and highly respected governor, who was devoted to his family and to the state he loved. As Chief Justice I had the pleasure of associating and participating with George in many state events, both formal and ceremonial. I was proud of him and I treasured his friendship. South Dakota is definitely a better place because of him and his lovely, devoted wife, Linda. Everyone, especially those of us who attended WHS, can be proud of the Mickelson legacy.

Thanks, Jack, for all you do on behalf of the WHS alumni !! We truly appreciate it !! Keep up the good work !!

High regards, Bob Miller (WHS '57)

Bob and Shirlee can be reached at: [ramiller27@pie.midco.net](mailto:ramiller27@pie.midco.net)



On the right, The Honorable Robert A. Miller (WHS '57) administering the gubernatorial oath of office to Lt. Gov. Walter Dale Miller.



Bob Miller '57 & Bob Stahmann '58 working on the 1957 Warrior Yearbook

**Editor's Addendum:** I am so very happy and honored to finally have Chief Justice Robert A. Miller's wonderful story to publish. I first asked Bob to submit a story on himself and his honorable and distinguished judicial career on May 6, 2010, over three years ago. Both Bob and I are products of Emerson Grade School and then we knew each other after WHS at USD so I have known Bob for almost 70 years now and I could not be more proud to know him and to be able to call him a friend.. He truly deserves the distinguished career he made for himself.

As is typical of Bob's modesty it took over 3 years for me to get the most impressive story above from him about his career. If I may, I would like to share some more of what I know and have learned about Bob.

After graduating from USD Law School in 1963, Bob moved to Pierre as an Assistant Attorney General. There he met, Shirlee Schlim, who was Gov. Gubbrud's secretary. Shirlee was from Howard, SD and they were married in 1964,

In 1965 Bob entered private law practice in Philip, SD, but then in 1971, the then SD Governor, Frank Farrar, appointed him as a circuit judge. As Bob said in his story, he was then appointed to the SD Supreme Court in 1986 where he served until his retirement in 2001. Most impressively, Bob served as the Chief Justice of the SD Supreme Court for his last 11 years on the bench. In 1998 President Clinton appointed him to the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute in Washington, DC. Following Senate confirmation he chaired that Board until 2012.

**Addendum continued next page.**

**Editor's Addendum on Robert Miller continued:**

In searching the Internet on Bob, I discovered that following retirement he chaired the SD Constitutional Revision Commission, the Supreme Court's Special Committee on Judicial Campaign Intervention, and the Supreme Court's Special Committee to Study Cameras in the Trial Courts. He also served as a member of the South Dakota Criminal Code Revision Commission. In addition to periodic temporary assignments on the South Dakota Supreme Court and in the South Dakota Circuit Courts, he is an ADR neutral in various forums, including as a AAA arbitrator. He is a Fellow of the W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership at the University of South Dakota.

Bob and Shirlee still reside in Pierre and have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. In his retirement, Bob enjoys hunting, playing golf and wood working, but he continues to take special assignments on the circuit and supreme courts as well as some private mediations and arbitrations. Bob tells me that he is blessed with good health which allows he and Shirlee to continue traveling which they both love.

Submitted by a long time friend and admirer.

Jack M. Phillips '54



**Bob & Shirlee enjoying their retirement.**

## **“Traditions: Multi-sport star Fred Hecker powered Warriors”**

**A Stu Whitney Story That Appeared in The Argus Leader On 7-13-13**

**Reprinted here with Mr. Whitney's permission.**



**Fred Hecker '57  
WHS 1956 Homecoming  
Marshall Photo,**

Many years before Dusty Coleman or Nate Gerry set modern standards for multi-sport success in Sioux Falls, Fred Hecker was casting the mold. The 1957 Washington High School alum, who died of cancer in 2006, mixed toughness and talent to become one of the greatest all-around athletes in South Dakota history.

“He believed he could do anything, and as a result he did just about everything,” says John Simko, a close friend who played alongside Hecker in several sports at Washington and football at Augustana College. “We’ve all heard those sports cliches like ferocious competitor, never say die and refuse to lose. Well, put all those together, and you’d have half the measure of Fred’s capacity. He was the kind of guy that everybody wanted on their team.”

Hecker did his best to oblige, earning 11 letters at Washington in football, basketball, track and golf. By soaring in those four sports, he helped define an era in which the Warriors were an Upper Midwest prep sports powerhouse.

The son of a former Purdue football standout, Hecker was a bruising fullback and three-time all-state pick under legendary coach Bob Burns. As part of a talented class that also included Simko and quarterback Jim Luce, Hecker led the Warriors to a 23-2 record from 1954-56.

**Hecker story continued.**



He accounted for 95 points as a 6-foot-1, 175-pound junior, and as a senior he made All-America on an undefeated powerhouse despite breaking his collarbone and missing five games.

Of course, as a four-sport athlete, Hecker was just getting started:

- In basketball, he helped the Warriors claim state titles as a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he was named All-American as the Warriors finished 21-3 and fell in the state finals to Belle Fourche.
- In track and field, Hecker was a major part of three state team titles while fueling a mile relay squad that dominated South Dakota competition.
- In golf, Hecker led the Warriors to the 1956 state team title as a junior, earning medalist honors with rounds of 68 and 73.

“If you talk to guys of my era, nobody would argue his pre-eminence as an athlete,” says 1962 Washington grad Terry Comstock, now a local golf professional. “You’re talking about a guy who would compete in the shot put, and then head over to play in the state golf tournament and win it. Football was his sport, but he was a tough competitor in just about everything.”

Hecker played college football at Northwestern under Ara Parseghian before transferring to Augustana to join his old coach, Burns, and former teammates Simko and Luce. Though slow to regain the superiority of his prep years, Hecker helped Augustana win its first and only North Central Conference football title in 1959.

He graduated in 1963 and made his career in the Air Force, retiring as a full colonel in 1988. He served as a consultant for a San Diego technology firm after that, but a stroke in 1992 led to a doctor’s edict to “play lots of golf.” Hecker took him seriously.

Determined to make the Senior Tour, he chased down mini-tours and qualifiers with the same spark and spunk he showed as a tough-nosed fullback at Howard Wood Field.

Hecker was vindicated somewhat in 1996, when he qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in Beechwood, Ohio. With typical confidence, he announced his intention to win before shooting a pair of 83s to miss the cut.

A tougher battle emerged a few years ago, when Hecker was diagnosed with prostate cancer after doctors found a tumor in his bladder. The cancer later spread to his bones, but Hecker still made it back to South Dakota and insisted on going to the golf course.

“He died exactly the way he played sports – he believed he was going to beat it,” says Simko, a federal judge who first met Hecker when they were fourth-graders at Longfellow Elementary. “It was one more thing he was sure he could do – and in a way he did it. He survived a lot longer than doctors thought that he would.”

In 2002, Hecker was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame – joining his friend Simko and sealing his status as one of the state’s most accomplished athletes.

Written by Stu Whitney

End of Argus Leader story.



**Stu Whitney**  
Sports Editor,  
SF Argus Leader.

## Thanks To Stu Whitney

The Orange & Black would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Stu Whitney, the very talented, Sports Editor and columnist, for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, for once again granting the O&B permission to reprint one of his great articles on WHS sports and WHS athletes.

Stu has worked for the Argus Leader Media since 1992 and over those years his professional journalistic excellence has been repeatedly recognized and honored. He has been named South Dakota Sportswriter of the Year three times and won first place from the Associated Press Sports Editors for project reporting in 2007.

A native of Grosse Pointe, Mich., he graduated from Michigan State University with a journalism degree in 1998. Stu lives in Sioux Falls with his wife and two children.

Stu, I personally thank you for always granting me permission to reprint your wonderful WHS sports articles in the Orange & Black. Over the years your kind generosity has added a great deal to the O&B. Jack Phillips '54

## The O&B Offers The Following Photo Montage of **FRED HECKER '57** In The Four Sports He Loved.



**Fred Hecker's Four Sports**  
He excelled in all!

left to right:

Basketball, Football, Golf Foursome;  
(Fred Hecker, Mike Gibson, Wes  
Plummer, Marv Boegler) and Track, The  
Relay Quartet; (Jerry Hagen, Fred  
Hecker, Mike Gibson, Rick Devereaux)



Fred Hecker died June 26, 2006.  
May he eternally rest in peace.





# Old Mark Twain Elementary To Be Demolished

From Argus Leader 7-23-13 story by Josh Verges.

A central Sioux Falls elementary school planned to open in 2015 borrows a floor plan from two newer schools, but from the street it will look a lot like the school it's replacing.

The Sioux Falls School District plans to demolish Mark Twain Elementary in summer 2015, just as construction wraps on a new school at the south end of the same site. The new two-story school at Dakota Avenue and 28th Street, which will be named near the end of this year, will take students from both Mark Twain and Longfellow, which also closes after the 2014-15 school year.



Jefferson Elementary also closes that summer, with most of those students probably transferred to an expanded Robert Frost.

## The O&B's First Product Endorsement!

Teenagers may fret about bad breath, but older people are the ones who should worry. Not only are they more likely to develop halitosis caused by dry mouth, gum disease and other age-related problems, they are also more vulnerable to the bacteria that cause it and contributes to heart disease and other problems.

For some time doctors have suspected that gum disease can contribute to heart disease and now there is growing suspicion that gum disease may also contribute to Alzheimer's. Because these are both major devastating health issues facing all of us, I am, for the first time recommending a product for you to consider trying. It is called "**Smart Mouth**"!

I first discovered Smart Mouth a year ago. I have always strived to have clean fresh breath and I am totally pleased with how well it works in stopping bad breath 24 hours a day (even ugly morning breath). The directions simply suggest using Smart Mouth every morning and every evening.

I am so pleased to tell you it really does insure 24 hour fresh breath, but I now believe that insuring fresh breath is only one, and maybe the most insignificant, benefit of this wonderful product. I always buy the "Advanced Formula", which costs about \$2.00 more than the "Regular Formula", and after using it for only about 6 months, my dentist asked me what I was doing different in taking care of my mouth and gums. I told him I was using Smart Mouth and he said it was definitely working wonders.



***SmartMouth Mouthwash -  
Don't just get fresh breath...  
KEEP IT!***

Now with all the growing evidence and suspicions that gum disease is associated with **heart disease AND Alzheimer's**, I felt I had to recommend it to each of you. For just bad breath I think either the "Regular" or the "Advanced" will do the job. But I strongly recommend the Advanced Formula for the other health benefits. The directions recommend 5 pumps of each of the two ingredients, but for economic reasons I only use one pump from each of the two enclosed bottles and I feel it still does a great job. If you would like more information you are welcome to call me at 702-735-4111.

**SMART MOUTH WILL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU MORE KISSABLE!**

Jack

P.S. I have no ties, or financial interest in Smart Mouth.

# Reunion Calendar

## Class of '58 - 55th Reunion

DATE: Friday and Saturday, September 6/7, 2013

PLACE: Sioux Falls Convention Center---same place as last time for both nights

PRICE: \$80.00 PER PERSON.

HOTEL: THE SHERATON SIOUX FALLS, as you probably remember, is connected to the Sioux Falls Convention Center which makes it really convenient. If you wish to make reservations there call 1-605-331-0100. The rate is \$94.00 per night BUT you must ask for the block of rooms slated for the WHS Class of '58 Reunion and you must make a reservation NOT LATER than August 1, 2013.

Contact: Sara Hart Blizzard '58 - [whs58\\_reunion@att.net](mailto:whs58_reunion@att.net)

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## CLASS OF '56 LUNCHEON

The Pacific Northwest Class of 1956 is organizing a luncheon reunion on September 9, 2013, for all PNW 1956 classmates, spouses and other WHS graduates if they wish to attend. We will be meeting at noon in the Bahama Breezes Restaurant in the NW corner of the Southcenter Mall parking lot. The mall is just off of I-5 in Tukwila, WA, which is just south of Seattle. Two years ago the Class of '56 had 16 people attend our NW reunion.

Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56

2313 10th Avenue East Seattle, WA 98102 206-320-8358 Pat Jorgensen '56 [gppalagi@aol.com](mailto:gppalagi@aol.com)

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## CLASS OF '54 - 60th REUNION IN 2014

A committee has been formed for the 60th reunion of the WHS class of 1954. It is planned for **September 19-21, 2014**. A Friday reception is planned at the Washington Pavilion. Saturday and Sunday activities will be at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sioux Falls. The hotel top floor (concierge) rooms have been reserved for the first to register. We are not taking reservations at this time however we are asking if you are interested in attending. Please respond yes, maybe or no to [Kittelson@Prodigy.net](mailto:Kittelson@Prodigy.net) or to Jack Kittelson at **605-334-3345**. Your quick response will help us in our planning. Thanks

P.S. We really have a fun weekend planned. This is a special reunion and we are striving for a large attendance. We look forward to hearing from you asap.

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## ALL SCHOOL REUNION IN 2015??????

Discussions are currently taking place as to whether another All School Reunion should be attempted in 2015 or not. Organizing a true "All School Reunion" is an enormous job and requires a considerable start up budget. It is being questioned whether there is sufficient interest from "ALL" classes to justify a true, "All School Reunion? Since records indicate that the majority of attendees in the past were from the classes of the fifties, it has been suggested that just a "**Fifties Reunion**" be held. This would mean that the logistics and expense per actual attendee would be reduced considerably. Of course, **ALL WHS ALUMNI**, from every class regardless of what decade they are from would be totally welcome. Your opinion is vitality needed. Please send your thoughts, preferences & interest to the O&B. Please send us your thoughts so planing can or cannot proceed.

# Letters to the



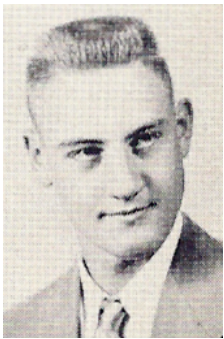
Laurice Houck  
Iseminger '55  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 30, 2013, at 5:16 PM, **Laurice Houck Iseminger '55** <[kmminger@sio.midco.net](mailto:kmminger@sio.midco.net)> wrote:

Thanks Jack, for keeping all of us informed. I was Laurice Houck in high school and went to Emerson grade school. Sad to see it go but a nice park now. I married Doug Cook in 1961 and had 3 sons. Sadly, Doug died in 1975 and I was left with 3 young boys to raise. In 1991 I married Kenneth Iseminger, who was alone also due to his wife's death, and he had twin sons and a daughter. I am still dancing and belong to the Dancing Divas at Active Generations. Have to keep this ole body moving.

Thanks again. I really appreciate all that you do.

**Laurice Houck Iseminger '55**



Gary Hartenhoff '53  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 1, 2013, at 8:04 AM, **Gary Hartenhoff '53**, [ghartenhoff1@aol.com](mailto:ghartenhoff1@aol.com) wrote:

This painting, "Galaxie 2", is more impressionistic than most of my work. It was fun to do. It gives a feeling of relaxation to the viewer. Sort of a fantasy. It is painted in oil on Gatorfoam panel. 8" x 10" I hope you enjoy it.

**Gary Hartenhoff  
'53**

*"Galaxie 2"*

by Gary Hartenhoff



On Jul 8, 2013, at 12:53 PM, **Richard Jensen '55** <[raejjensen@gmail.com](mailto:raejjensen@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jack, Thanks for including me on your mailings. Received the last copy and enjoyed reading it very much. Lots of pleasant memories.

Interesting note about four of my grade school class mates.

Bob Berdahl

Larry Harrington

John Hillgren

Jerry Wangsness

We all went to HS together and then on to college (Augustana) where we all graduated in 1959. There may be others, but I don't recall any more. We still get together when in Sioux Falls and we recently mourned Jerry's passing.

Thanks again, and stay cool. Regards, **Dick Jensen '55**



Dick Jensen '55  
WHS Senior Photo

**We all get heavier as we get older,  
Because there's a lot more information in our heads.  
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.**



On Jul 1, 2013, at 7:47 PM, **Carl Turco '58** <[mmparadise@suddenlink.net](mailto:mmparadise@suddenlink.net)> wrote:

Hello Jack, I just thought I would give you a little up date, in my life.

That is me, with a cast for 7 weeks, after falling, on a steep slope after a heavy rainstorm, on my golf course, "Redwood Empire Golf and Country Club" here in Fortuna. They say "you cannot get hurt playing golf, Only from falling on a golf course".

I was in Sioux Falls on June 4th thru the 9th, and had a great time, seeing people I haven't seen in 15 years. The golfing was fun. I had lunch with **Royce Adams '58** and wife **Dee (Deanna Frerk '61)**. We had a good conversation. I had my Sister from Pipestone MN, come down a couple of days, they are retired Pharmacist,

And spend a lot of time in Florida.

My big adventure was to see my best friend **Diana Daggett '58 Thorson**. We have been Good friends, since 5th Grade. I have some bad news for you to share with all the "58 grads. Diane, was diagnosed with liver cancer in January of 2013. I spent over 3 hours with her and Ron (**Thorson '58**). She has a very positive attitude, about this disease, and is asking anyone and everyone to say a prayer, or just have a moment of silence, for a fast recovery, for a disease, that does not give much hope. I spoke with her today (7-1-13) and she was a little tired, but sounded very upbeat, about her situation.

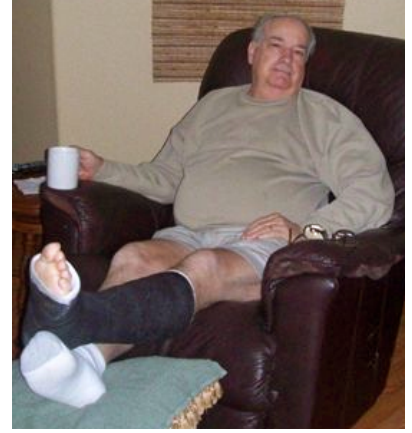
Thank you Jack, for the opportunity ,to give you some new information. You select what you want to publish in the next O&B. You do a tremendous job, of keeping everyone informed, About the living and the dead.

Thanks again,

**Carl Turco '58** 3401 Tami Dr. Fortuna Ca 95540 [mmparadise@suddenlink.net](mailto:mmparadise@suddenlink.net) 707-725-7807



**Carl Turco '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



On Jul 11, 2013, at 6:37 AM, "Callison, Jill" <[JCALLISO@argusleader.com](mailto:JCALLISO@argusleader.com)> wrote:

Hey, Jack, Since we were just talking about Mr. Claudon, I thought I'd share this:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/argusleader/obituary.aspx?n=fred-claudon&pid=165771620#fbLoggedOut>

Enjoy your day,  
Jill

**Jill Callison** I Reporter/columnist.



**Mr. Fred Claudon**  
WHS Instructor  
1964 - 1981

Editor's Note: I would like to thank **Jill Callison** & **Mick Zerr** for informing the O&B of the passing of **Mr. Fred Claudon, 1917 - 2013**.

Jill, a popular columnist with the Argus Leader, wrote a wonderful story on Mr. Claudon that appeared in the Argus Leader on January 5, 2010 about the search for the oldest surviving WHS faculty member. Mr. Claudon was the eventual winner. He taught at WHS from 1964 through 1981. The Orange & Black then ran a story on Mr. Claudon in issue #1-10 that came out on January 15, 2010. Mr. Claudon, 95 years of age of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at the Prince of Peace Retirement Community. He was interred at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls.



**Jill Callison**  
Columnist, Sioux Falls Argus Leader



**Mick Zerr**  
WHS Faculty 42 yrs.  
WHS Historical Comm.

**Mick Zerr, a 42 year member of the WHS faculty, 1967 to 2009, is a past chairman of the WHS Historical Comm. which conducted the search for the oldest living faculty member.**

On Jul 12, 2013, at 8:42 AM, **Sandy Brix Hembd '59** <[sandyhembd@comcast.net](mailto:sandyhembd@comcast.net)> wrote:

Hi Jack: I love reading about WHS Alum. We lived during the best of times! Lucky us. That foundation produced a lot of leaders in various disciplines that contributed a great deal to our country! You are doing a wonderful job of producing the e-newsletter and everyone appreciates it. Good work.

Because of Sara's comment, I thought I would send you a paragraph and a couple of pictures about Glory Community, our residential community for adults with developmental disabilities who are fairly self-sufficient, but need

help negotiating life. This has been a labor of love for eleven years now. It is private,

nonprofit, and one option to the ever growing need for residential services for adults who

**Sandy Brix Hembd '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

have aging parents. In the state of Colorado, there are over 9000 adults with developmental disabilities, living with parents past the age of 60, and no place to go when their parents die. That translates to

over one

million in

the

United

States.

Our state

system

waiting list is around 5,000 names. As

government funding decreases, the list of names increases. It really is a crisis.

We are parents of Mike and Mark, twins with Down syndrome, age 44. Due to this crisis,

we decided to build a community for 40 adults on a cul-de-sac in Broomfield, CO so their friends would be around them and not scattered all over. House number one is up and operating for eight men. House number two for eight women, with funding, will be up and operating in 2015. Each home has a two bedroom

apartment for a married couple to live in as house parents. The weekend relief team has a separate suite. We are accepting from out of state. To see further information about us, look up our website: [www.glorycommunity.org](http://www.glorycommunity.org) or see our FB page.

We are located next to a ten acre park with bb courts, tennis courts, soccer and softball fields. It is perfect for our active bunch of guys. Our goal is 5 homes and a viable business enterprise to not only employ our residents and others, but also to pump money back into operations, thus keeping our monthly tuition as low as possible for the families. We'll be working at this until they carry us away in a pine box. If anyone is interested in more information, please call us at 303 410 9699. We welcome inquiries about placement. We also welcome anyone's discretionary income. If you are wondering what to do with your extra money, we can help you find a home for it! **Sandy (Brix) Hembd '59**

**Editor's Note: Sandy's husband, Jim is from Gettysburg, SD. They met at SD State University. What a wonderful undertaking! May God bless them!**

On Jul 21, 2013, at 7:21 PM, **Bruce Hundley '55** <[brucefhundley@gmail.com](mailto:brucefhundley@gmail.com)> wrote:

I remember **Ray (Engels '52)** and he was a great guy. I consider him a friend and I'm sorrow to hear of his passing.

**Bruce Hundley '55**

**Bruce Hundley '55**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



Phone call on 7-26-13 with **Joyce Nelson Johander '57** 763-557-8030 email address: [billjohander@comcast.net](mailto:billjohander@comcast.net)



**Joyce Nelson Johander '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

The phone call was between **Joyce Nelson Johander '57**, her husband, Bill, who graduated from Duluth, MN in '56, and myself, Jack Phillips '54. Joyce is trying to locate three of her '57 classmates. They are, **Susan Anderson '57, Sally Cross '57 and Salli Stewart '57**. These are all maiden names.

Unfortunately, the O&B has no information on any of these ladies. If anyone has any knowledge on how to contact any of these ladies, please either contact **Joyce Nelson Johander '57** from the contact info above, or me, here at the O&B. [jack@jackmphilips.com](mailto:jack@jackmphilips.com)

On Jul 5, 2013, at 10:15 PM, **Royce Adams '58**, [Litljump@aol.com](mailto:Litljump@aol.com) wrote:

Jack, I have a question for you and perhaps you have an answer. In the Class of 59 there was a nice gal, name of Delores Donaghue '59. I wondered if you might have any info as to where she is and how she is. I knew her well and as I walked by her old house on S. Glendale here in Sioux Falls she came to mind.

**Royce Adams '58**

**Editor's Note;** Unfortunately, the O&B has no record of **Delores Donaghue '59**. Can you help Royce find her? Donaghue is her maiden name. You can contact Royce directly; E mail [litljump@aol.com](mailto:litljump@aol.com) or Cell Phone 605-929-5432, or as always you can contact the O&B.



**Royce Adams '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 4, 2013, at 10:21 AM, Marlys Hohman <[marlysanna@aol.com](mailto:marlysanna@aol.com)> wrote:  
Hi Jack,

Most of us are too old to have had Jan Nicholay as our principal at WHS. I got to know Jan when we had the first (All School) reunion in 1992. Her husband, Jerry - 74 years of age, died of an apparent heart attack this past week. Too young!!!!

**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**

**P. S.** He was a guidance counselor at WHS for many years.



**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**  
WHS Senior Photo

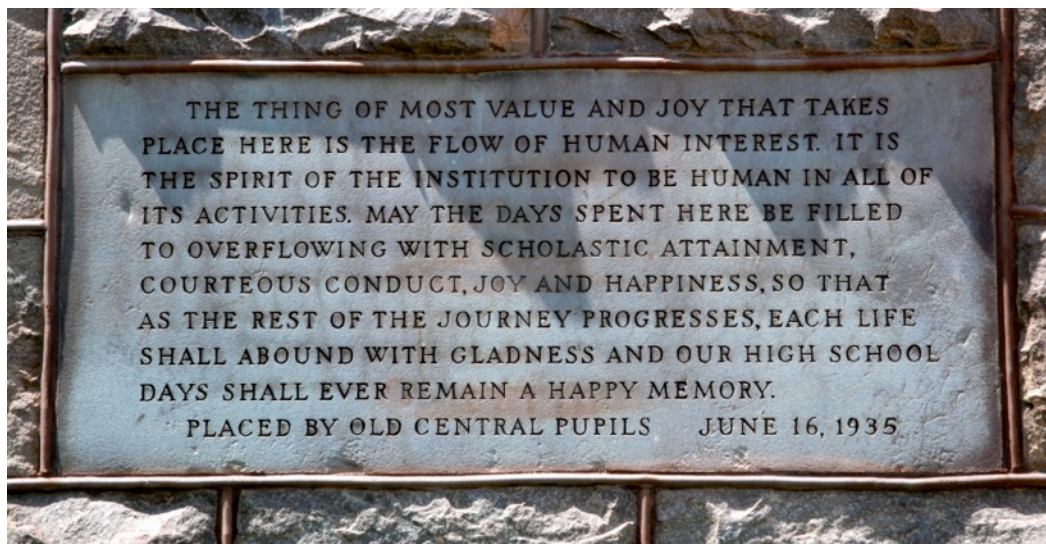
Thanks to **Kay Otten Romans '54**

for sending this photo of the 1 9 3 5 commemorative plaque on the NE corner of our old alma mater. It has always been there for most of us, but I suspect mostly just taken for

granted. It sounds like they loved the dear old building just as much as we all do today.



**Kay Otten Romans '54**  
WHS Senior Photo





left: Sally Howard  
'54  
WHS Senior Photo



right: Kay Severson  
Prout '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Sally Howard '54 & Kay  
Severson Prout '55 in Greece.

August 4, 2013

Dear Jack,

I have really enjoyed your Orange and Black up-dates, you are a wonder at keeping us all informed about our classmates activities. You asked for stories so here goes.

Kay Severson Prout, class of 1955 and Sally Howard class of 1954 spent three weeks in Greece in June at a house that Sally owns with five other people. Our Village, Lefkakia is close to Nafplio which was the first capital of Greece, both the village and Nafplio are located on the Peloponnese of Greece. We were surrounded by beaches and orange groves. We visited Corinth, Palamidi (old fort) and other points of interest. We swam in the sea almost every day and ate at the local "Taverna" most evenings. You can imagine we talked about our time together at Washington High and agreed that we were very lucky to have been brought up in such a fine town as Sioux Falls at a most interesting time ( the Barrel Drive Inn was discussed at great length)

Kay lives in Dearborn, Michigan and has three living children and is the widow of Peter Prout. She keeps busy with her flower garden, helping with her grandchildren, quilting and woodworking. Sally is retired, in good health, and lucky enough to have a life that includes a month in Greece each year with winters in Florida and a condo in Minneapolis with tennis courts. I have enclosed two pictures taken in Greece if you want to use them.

Kay would like to be included on your e-mail list, her e-mail is [pandkprout@aol.com](mailto:pandkprout@aol.com)

I saw Billy Zabel on TV the other day (CNN) with the announcement that he will represent the wife of Rupert Murdoch. Think he is very well thought of as a divorce attorney who represents high profile women. I am going to send him a thank you note.

Thank you, Jack for all of your hard work, it brings a good deal of enjoyment to those of us who receive it.

Best Wishes,

*Sally Howard*





## Justin L. Berger

*July 22, 1922 -  
August 31, 2013*

IN LOVING MEMORY

JUSTIN L. BERGER

Born: Saturday, July 22,  
1922

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Died: Saturday, August 31, 2013

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

91 years, 1 month, 9 days

### GRAVESIDE SERVICE

11:00 am Wednesday, September 4, 2013

Woodlawn Cemetery

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Pastor Steve Posey, Officiating

Military Honors

South Dakota Air National Guard

American Legion Post #15

### PALLBEARERS

John Kittelson ~ AJ Ellwein

Pastor Jerry Merkouris ~ Duanne Jackson

Tom Ashworth ~ Don Fillion

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

1:00 pm Wednesday, September 4, 2013

Hope Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Pastor Norris Einertson, Officiating

Pastor Randy Anderson, Scripture

Pastor Nick Collins, Assisting

Linda Lund, Organist

Congregational Hymns

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

"How Great Thou Art"

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

My good friend, Don Noordsy '58 caught this Argus Leader obituary and called it to my attention. I had seen it but since Mr. Berger graduated from WHS in 1941 I just passed him over. But I am so glad Don saw how very special this heroic WHS Alumni was and how he and his brave, patriotic life should be recognized and honored by all of us who followed after him and have always enjoyed the freedoms he helped insure.



Above left; Justin in football.



Above right; Justin breaking the tape in "The Regional" meet.

Lower right; "Justy" in basketball.

"Justy", as he was affectionately called by his friends, was an outstanding athlete all four years at WHS in football, basketball and track.



Justin L. Berger, 91, died Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

A visitation will begin at 12:00 pm Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Ave., with the family present from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Burial will be 11:00 am Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at Woodlawn Cemetery with a 1:00 pm Memorial Service at

Hope Lutheran Church.

Justin L. Berger, the son of Harvey and Verna (Haroldson) Berger was born July 22, 1922, in Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from Washington High School in 1941 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Nebraska. Justin enlisted in the Army Air Corps on September 23, 1942, and entered aviation cadet pilot training in February of 1943. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (fighter pilot) in 1944, and served as an instructor in P-40 and P-38 fighters.

On April 20, 1944, Justin was united in marriage with Patricia "Patty" Myhra at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Justin served in the Air Force Reserve from December of 1945 through September of 1947 as a pilot. He joined the South Dakota Air National Guard on September 8, 1947, and served as a fighter pilot in the 175th Fighter Squadron. Justin was also an original member of General Joe Foss's acrobatic team known as the "Red Devils".

Justin was recalled to active duty with the South Dakota Air National Guard on March 1, 1951, and served as a flight leader until being released from the unit on November 30, 1952. He was promoted to Captain on June 18, 1952, and then to Major in July of 1959, while assigned as Commander of the 175th Fighter Squadron. Justin assumed command of the 114th Fighter Group (redesignated 114th Tactical Fighter Group in 1970) on August 1, 1966, and was promoted to full Colonel August 14, 1967. He was assigned as Assistant Adjutant General for Air, and promoted to Brigadier General May 29, 1980.

Justin was a command pilot with 11,000 military flying hours. He has flown the P-51, P-40, P-38, B-25, F-94, T-6, F-80, F-89, F-100, F-102, A-7, T-28, T-29, T-33, C-45, C-47, C-54, C-131, and U-3 planes.

Throughout his career, Justin had earned the following Decorations and Awards: Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with one Silver and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hour Glass Devices.

Justin was a charter member of Hope Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. He was also a member of the American Legion, El Riad Shrine, YMCA, Air Force Association (State and National), National Guard Officer's Association, and the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Patricia of Sioux Falls; one daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Ellwein of Saline, MI; one grandson, Aaron Justin "AJ" (Jaime) Ellwein of Ann Arbor, MI; cousin, Ronnie (Janet) Haroldson of Rembrandt, IA; two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Galindo of Escondido, CA, Marcie (General William C.) Norris of Niceville, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Patricia.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be directed to the Family Volunteer Group for the South Dakota Air National Guard or Memory Care at Touchmark.



**Vicki Brubaker '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## One More Item On Yearbooks.

First of all, my friend, **Vickie Brubaker '59**, is desperately hoping to find a 1959 Warrior Yearbook. If anyone happens to have a '59 book that you would part with, you can contact Vicki at [brubakercheer@comcast.net](mailto:brubakercheer@comcast.net).

And, I would appreciate obtaining almost any year yearbook for help in publishing the O&B. I would love to have any books OTHER than the following. I have the following books; '40, '42, '45, '46, and '50 thru '60. I would like any other books from the very beginning of WHS up through the 1970's. Of course I will pay postage and I promise you they will get good loving use!



Loren '59 and Diane Kindler '62 Eggebraaten, [legge164@aol.com](mailto:legge164@aol.com) sent the following joke to the O&B. It is such a good joke it is worth passing on. Hopefully you each will enjoy it.

Subject: Never copy from a copy

Loren Eggebraaten '59  
WHS Senior Photo



## **The young monk's first day.**

He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.



He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.



The head monk, says, 'We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son.'



He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot.



So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the **R**!"



We missed the **R** !

We missed the **flippin** **R** !"

His forehead is all bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, 'What's wrong, father?' With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, 'The word was...



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## Please Send The O&B Your Story!

The Orange & Black would like to take this opportunity to remind each of you that the O&B can only continue to exist and survive through the stories and items you submit for sharing with your old classmates. You each will no doubt agree that you enjoy reading about your classmates and you can be certain that your classmates will enjoy just as much seeing something from you. I have your yearbook photo, I just need your story and your other photos.

Send to [jack@jackmphillips.com](mailto:jack@jackmphillips.com)