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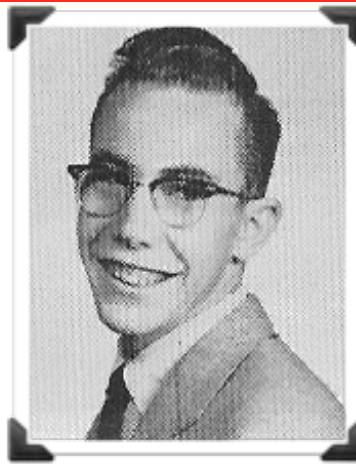
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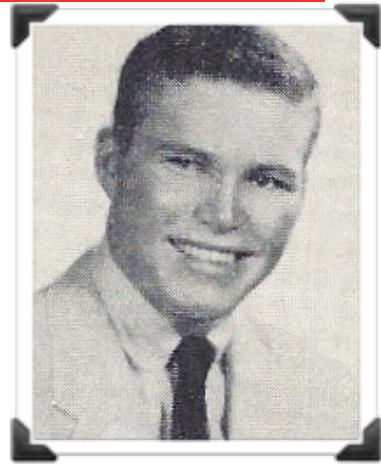
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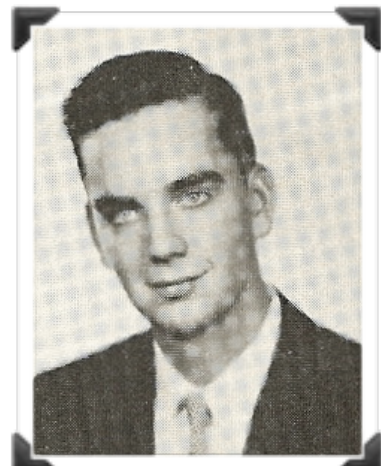
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Gene Bushnell '56 5-16-2020

Jack Phillips
The Alumni Orange and Black Newsletter

Here is my check to help
with your expenses on the great
Alumni Orange and Black Newsletter.

Enjoyed the notes from my
classmates, Jim Brown, Jerry
Savold and Lloyd Greiner.

Article on Fred Hecker was
fantastic. I didn't know he was
in the military and served in
Viet Nam.

Keep up the great work
Jack. You are amazing.

Also enjoyed your note on
my high school pal, Sheldon
Songstad.

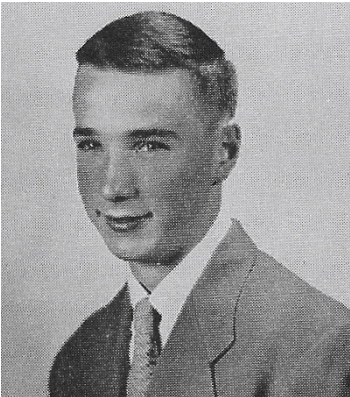
All the best
Gene Bushnell
Class of 1956



Gene Bushnell '56
WHS Senior Photo



Dr. Jim Brown '56
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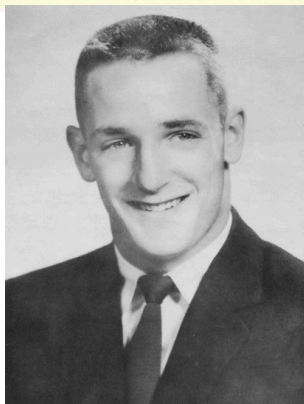


Jerry Savold '56
WHS Senior Photo



Lloyd Greiner '56
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Right Photo:
Fred Hecker '57
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Right Photo:
Sheldon Songstad '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Patrons

Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl



Bob Berdahl '55
WHS Senior Photo



Peg Ogle '55
WHS Senior Photo

Both Bob and Peg Ogle Berdahl were extremely active in clubs and organizations while at Washington High School. The following is the list of activities that appears behind their names in the 1955 Warrior.

BOB BERDAHL: College Club, I.R.C., OLD ROYALTY, HI-Y, Boy's State, Alternate to Boys Nation, Student Council Treas., Executive Council, Declam, Senior Social Committee, NFL Pres., Pawn Pushers Vice Pres., Debate, World Affairs Vice-Pres.

Peg Ogle: College Club, I.R.C., Chorus, All State Chorus, Y-Teens, Dramatics, Latin, N.F.L., Debate, World Affairs.



Robert M. Berdahl Biography

Robert M. Berdahl took office in July of 1997 as UC Berkeley's eighth Chancellor with a promise to renew the University's foundations of excellence. He has established a comprehensive master-plan that is guiding work on major seismic and infrastructure upgrades to campus buildings, and is addressing the need for space suitable for modern research and teaching. He has worked to successfully rebuild the library collection and has also been active in supporting two new collaborations. The new Health Sciences Initiative will conduct interdisciplinary research on our most serious health problems, and the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society, will address ways that smart and cost efficient technology can improve many aspects of our daily lives -- for example, transportation, emergency services and telecommunications.

To provide more support to faculty, the Chancellor has recently reorganized the University's administration, and has initiated a series of reforms that will address a wide range of issues -- from increasing the numbers of women and minority faculty members on campus, to strengthening the undergraduate classroom's use of technology, to improving the work climate.

A career-long advocate of enhancing and humanizing undergraduate learning, Berdahl has expanded the highly popular Freshman Seminars in which senior faculty teach small classes. A historian himself, he has taught a Freshman Seminar on the history of UC Berkeley. Joining the campus at the initial implementation of voter-mandated admissions changes, Berdahl continues to champion the educational and societal benefits of a widely diverse student body. He has strengthened campus outreach efforts by forming the Chancellor's Administrative Policy Committee on Outreach and has brought together the over 100 outreach programs on campus under the coordination of the Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs.

Berdahl came to UC Berkeley from the University of Texas at Austin where he had served as President since January 1993.

As President of UT, Berdahl stressed undergraduate education, focusing on quality education and on university outreach to the communities, especially K-12 education in the cities. A stronger sense of community amidst diversity on the campus was a central goal of his administration. He stressed quality teaching and devised a series of small, community-oriented programs to unite disparate elements on the campus.

Before assuming his post at UT, Berdahl served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1986 to 1993. He was involved in efforts to revise undergraduate degree requirements, restructure freshman orientation and expand academic support programs. He helped enhance the role of teaching in the tenure/promotion review process, improved opportunities for minority recruitment, introduced a strategic planning process, and helped improve the University's technological capacity.

From 1967 until 1986, Berdahl served as a member of the history faculty at the University of Oregon. From 1981 to 1986, he was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oregon.

Berdahl received his B.A. degree from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and his M.A. degree from the University of Illinois. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1965 and an honorary Doctorate of Science in 1997. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the 1993 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Augustana College, a Fulbright Research Fellowship, and a National Endowment for the Humanities Independent Study and Research Fellowship. He has also served as a Research Associate at the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton and at the Max-Planck Institute for History in Göttingen, Germany. Chancellor Berdahl is currently the Chair of the Association of American Universities, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the author of one book and the co-editor of another, and has written numerous articles dealing with German history.

Berdahl was born in 1937 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is married to Margaret "Peg" Berdahl. They have three married daughters, Daphne, Jennifer and Barbara, and five grandchildren.

In Bob and Peg's retirement they now make their home in Portland, Or. Their email address is peg.berdahl@gmail.com. The O&B once again thanks Bob and Peg for their generous Patron donation.

On Apr 29, 2020, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

What a pleasure it is, Jack, to read and re-read the new issue. And not just read: there is so much to just look at—such as the then and now photos of WHS. I'm still not through trying to make sense of the north-facing exterior, in terms of how it was in the 50s, how it appears now, and what changes one sees insofar as one gets off the ground floor inside on that end of the building.

I had the good fortune to be in Sioux Falls on the last day the building was open to the public before remodeling began. So many doors, nooks, and crannies were open to inspect. I found a big ring with what seemed to be the keys to all doors in the building. It looked mighty tempting as a souvenir, but I passed it by.

So, many many thanks again, Jack! You and Debra keep well. **Don Brown '53**

SPRING SEMESTER 1952

Recent issues of the O&B Newsletter credit both Don Knutson '54 and Jack Kittelson '54 with exceeding the speed of sound in fighter jets, which reminded me of a lovely spring afternoon in 1952 when I and my classmates **Arden Fjellanger ('53)** and **Gerry Potter ('53)** made a hopeful visit to a drugstore near Arden's home, a drugstore that sold a wide variety of magazines. We found what we sought: the latest issue of *MAD* magazine, which had begun publication only that year. We hurried off to read it on the floor of the front porch where Arden lived.

That issue presented a parody of the then popular comic strip about a pilot, "**Smilin' Jack**". The *MAD* version was about Smilin' Jack's attempt to exceed the speed of sound, then commonly referred to as "breaking the sound barrier". With much effort, Smilin' Jack succeeds. But what he achieved is then depicted as him *prying wax out of his ear*! Of course you had to see the grimacing image to fully appreciate it, but as juvenile humor goes, that was some sort of lifetime experience. We rolled uncontrollably on the floor, pounding it; kicking in the air. My stomach muscles knotted up from convulsive laughter. Never before or since have I laughed so hard. As juvenile humor goes, that was the apex for me. Don

Don, I loved your description of watching **Smilin' Jack** pulling wax out of his ears. I don't want you to hurt yourself but turn to page #7 for a surprise, SURPRISE! Now just try and control yourself. Jack



Don Brown '53
WHS Soph. Photo



Arden Fjellanger '53
WHS Senior Photo



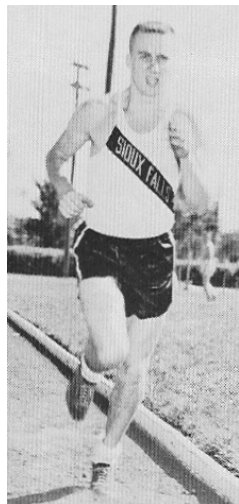
Jerry Potter '53
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Buddy Edelen '55
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Buddy Edelen '55
Doing What He Did Best

Buddy Edelen '55

World Class Distance Runner

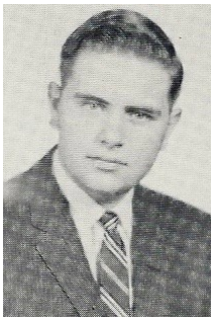
Way back in October of 2016 **Don Noordsy '58** and **Mike Howes '58** suggested I do a story on **Buddy Edelen '55**, who was probably the greatest long distant runner to ever come out of WHS. I feel I have been inexcusably remiss in not recognizing and acknowledging the immense talent of

Buddy before now.

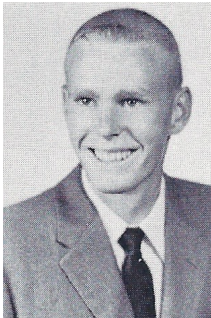
I knew Buddy but not well, but I did know what a dedicated athlete he was. Just as a side note, Buddy also played clarinet in the 1955 WHS Band. In track my records show that he competed in 9 track meets during his senior year at WHS and won 1st in the mile run at every meet. His best mile run time in his WHS senior year was 4:28.8 at the 1955 SD high school regional meet.

In researching Buddy's outstanding track career I found that so much has been written

about him that it would easily take up many, many pages of the O&B to just scratch the surface. Therefore I am simply using Wikipedia's condensed coverage of his life and career.



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo



Mike Howes '58
WHS Senior Photo



WHS track team warming up: Dick Klock '55, Buddy Edelen '55, Bill Erickson'55. Roger Kielman '55

Buddy Edelen

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Buddy Edelen

Personal information
Full name
Leonard Graves Edelen
Nationality
American
Born
September 22, 1937
[Harrodsburg, Kentucky](#), U.S.
Died
February 19, 1997 (aged 59)
[Tulsa, Oklahoma](#), U.S.

Buddy Edelen, continued.

Height

5 ft 10 in (178 cm)

Weight

141 lb (64 kg)

Sport

Sport

[Long-distance running](#)

Event(s)

[Marathon](#)

College team

[University of Minnesota](#)

Achievements and titles

Personal best(s)

Marathon: 2:14:28^[1]

10000 meters: 29:53 ^[1]

5000 meters: 13:54.4 ^[1]

2 miles: 8:57.4i^[1]

Leonard Graves "Buddy" Edelen (September 22, 1937 – February 19, 1997) was an [American](#) marathoner. Based in England for most of his prime competitive years, in 1963 Edelen became the first man to run a [marathon](#) faster than 2 hours and 15 minutes when he set a world record of 2:14:28. Edelen also won the [1964 U.S. Olympic marathon trials](#) and represented the U.S. in the [1964 Summer Olympics](#) in Tokyo, Japan.

Marathons

Edelen's promise in the marathon was evident early in his career. In 1962, he finished 4th at the [Fukuoka Marathon](#) in an American Record time of 2:18:57, making him the first American to run under 2:20 for the marathon. He was also the first American under 30:00 for the 10,000 m run.

On June 15, 1963 Edelen ran 2:14:28 at the [Polytechnic Marathon](#) (run from Windsor to Chiswick, England) to establish a new World Record. That record [stood](#) just two days short of a year, as England's [Basil Heatley](#) ran 2:13:55 at the 1964 Polytechnic Marathon (which was held on June 13). Edelen was the first American to hold the world record since 1925, and (excepting [Alberto Salazar's](#) 2:08:13 at the 1981 [New York City Marathon](#), which later proved to be short) the last until naturalized American [Khalid Khannouchi](#) (originally from Morocco) broke his own World Record at the [London Marathon](#) in 2002.


After his record run 1963, Edelen also won the [Košice Peace Marathon](#) in Slovakia in a course-record time of 2:15:09; that record would stand for fifteen years.

The following year, Edelen won the U.S. Olympic Trials marathon by nearly twenty minutes, and went on to finish 6th in the marathon at the [Tokyo Olympic games](#).

While born in Kentucky, Edelen attended high school in St. Louis Park, MN before **graduating from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD in 1955**. He then attended the [University of Minnesota](#).

In 2016, he was elected into the [National Track and Field Hall of Fame](#).^[2]

Buddy Edelen's Major Achievements

Year ♦	Competition ♦	Venue ♦	Position ♦	Event ♦	Notes ♦
Representing the  United States					
1962	Fukuoka Marathon	Fukuoka, Japan	4th	Marathon	2:18:57 (AR)
1963	Polytechnic Marathon	Windsor, England	1st	Marathon	2:14:28 (WR)
1963	Košice Peace Marathon	Košice, Czechoslovakia	1st	Marathon	2:15:09
1964	Tokyo Olympic Games	Tokyo, Japan	6th	Marathon	2:18:12

Leonard Edelen, 59, a Runner

Feb. 23, 1997

New York Times

Leonard (Buddy) Edelen Jr., the first American marathoner in nearly four decades to set a world record, died of cancer in Tulsa, Okla., on Wednesday. He was 59.

Edelen cut 48 seconds off the world record when he won Britain's Polytechnic Marathon, covering the 26 miles 385 yards in 2 hours 14 minutes 28 seconds on June 15, 1963. It was the first marathon record by an American since Albert Michelsen ran 2:29:02 in 1925. Afterward, Edelen was called "America's great hope" for a gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo in 1964. But a sciatic nerve condition caused him severe back pains, and he finished sixth. Edelen ran 13 more marathons, winning 7. He stopped competing at age 28.

In the four years leading up to the 1964 Olympics, Edelen made \$120 a month teaching in a private school in England and lived in a one-room apartment with no telephone and no refrigerator. **When he lacked the \$650 needed to go to the United States for the 1964 Olympic trials, youngsters in a Y.M.C.A. in Sioux Falls, S.D. -- the city where Edelen spent part of his childhood -- raised the money through car washes, dances, basketball games and donations.**

"I was about 13 years too early," he said, reflecting on the money that became available to top marathoners. Edelen's training habits also stood out in contrast with the austere regimens used by other runners. He drank beer nightly and smoked a cigarette occasionally, although he logged 130 miles a week. "Think how good I might be if I didn't have these vices," he once mused.



Thanks again to Don Noordsy '58 and Mike Howes '58 for their suggestion of the long overdue and much deserved O&B's acknowledgment of Buddy Edelen's outstanding track career.

Thanks to **Jim Carlson '58** for sending the next two items for the O&B. First is this photo of the 1955 Spring Chorus. See full photo this page. See blown up half photos on next page to give you a larger view. Also thanks to **Pat Jorgensen '56 Palagi** for supplying the second story to Jim Carlson on Swedish Exchange student, **Lena Solbe '56**, for the '54/'55 class year. Lena is from Norrkoping, Sweden. The Argus photos of Lena appeared 9-19-54. Lena lived with Pat and her Mom and Dad, Donald Jorgensen who teaches biology at WHS.



Chorus---1955 (Spring)



Jim Carlson '58
WHS Senior Photo

Front Row - - Sally Lambert, Stephanie Fantle, Beverly Espeland, Diane Walser, , Marlene Perry, Laurel Pierce, Bonnie Henjum, Jeanne Welch, , Joan Wylie, Nancy Schniederman, Kay Lambertson, Jansewics, Janet Spawn, Bonita Harriman, Karen Lias, Sharon Knepper, Julaine Johnson, Betty Elmen, Sharon Fresvik, Marjorie Hanna, Ruby Clyde, Julie Morstad, , Joyce Thomson, and Betty McLaughlin.

Second Row - Jackie Sullivan, Mary Ann Clawson, Martha Mueller, Judy Schanck, Carolyn Downard, Mary Peckham, Janet Strand, Joyce Ashley, Una Mae Nyhaug, LaVonne Wood, Marla Hohwieler, Patty Rholfis, Joe Alick, Orwin Johnson, , Ed Issenhuth, Jane Lane, Julie Dinsmore, Judy Sonnichsen, JoAnna Caldwell, Betty Hansen, Joyce Ageton, Joyce Kosberg, Mary Haerer, Sandra Gjovaag, Sharol Rohde, and .

Third Row - - Sharon James, Mavis Lubbinge, , Patty Williams, Peggy Voss, Deanne Hansen, Joyce Norlin, , Dave Eleeson, , Bob Roth, Jim Brown, , Richard Rislov, Dorothy Renner, Judy Van Houte, Rosalie Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Jean Jorgenson, Sharon Herring, Peggy Ogle, Kayleen Jacobson, and Janet Batchellor.

Fourth Row - Dean Readmond, , ~~Bob~~ Vander Schaaf, Janice Long, Sheila Woolums, Marllys Rush, Myra Scholten, Nancy Lee, Jackie Myhre, Russell Wilson, Laurence Tieszen, Larry Jamison, Harriman, Eugene Kennedy, Ronald Cahow, Clifford Clyde, Barbara Shepherd, Natalie Becker, Sally Kittleson, Sally Taylor, Marilyn Rush, Patty Heyl, Jacquie Russell, Dave Horning, and John Kinkead.

Fifth Row - - Dave Kruger, Berger, Jack Wiers, Duane Herrick, Richard Guderyahn, Bill Readmond, Greg Dallaire, Jerry Johnson, Larry Flanagan, Mike Gibson, Tom Simmons, Larry Kannenburg, Harriman, Noel Muller, Bob Pedersen, Kent Scribner, Eddie Harvey, Marvin Colwill, Derald Espeland, Darryl Ferguson, Karol Kittleson, Dick Galland, Jerry Smith, Russell Huhn, *Jim Scott*, and Arnye Zuuger.



Lena Sollbe, first American Field Service Exchange Student to Washington High School in the 1954 - 1955 school year.



Her home away from home is with the Donald K. Jorgensen family, 2027 S. Grange Ave. Jorgensen, who is a teacher at Washington High School

is shown here with Mrs. Jorgensen, and Patricia Jorgensen, left, who explains some of the school work to Lena.

Lena Sollbe smiles happily in front of Washington High School anticipating her work as an exchange student and partici-

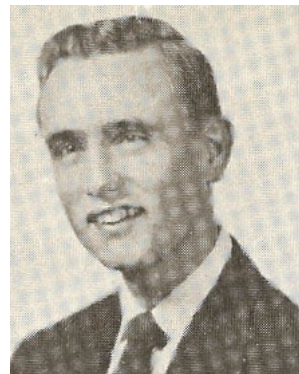
pating in the social activities of the school. Her home is in Norrkoping, Sweden.



A score for the Warriors brings a big hand from a group of students attending a football game. Lena, at the

extreme right of the group, is enjoying the game, the first one she has ever seen.

From: "Wallace Boersma"
<wboersma@commercialresources.net>



Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo

Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol,

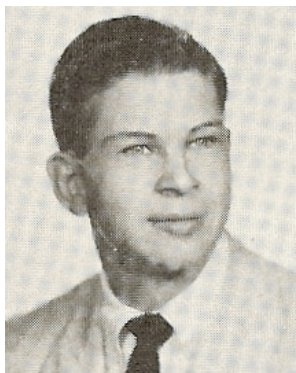
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,



Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!



Stephen Veenker '59
WHS Senior Photo



Ron Veenker '54
WHS senior Photo

From: **Stephen Veenker '59** <s.veenker@aol.com>
Subject: Sammy Davis, Jr.

Our dad was a union stagehand. It was an avocation but a lasting dream. He worked lights and sound at the Coliseum for decades. Ron Veenker '54 and I tagged along and saw wonderful stuff. Sigmund Romberg, Fred Waring, and the truck and bus traveling troupes of Broadway musicals like Oklahoma! and South Pacific, when they played Sioux Falls.

Ever see the Auto Show review? It was booked in Chicago, and Dad went there once or twice a year to watch variety acts and select the talent who came to those. We went to all those performances, knew the artists, and if they came back later, they might remember us. We knew Joey Brown, Gene Sheldon. I saw Bob Hope and Ed Sullivan backstage.

The South Pacific travelling troupe brought principals but booked talent in each town. Ardeen Foss fingered Ron, who played oboe in the pit for all the performances. But I suspect I am the only living witness to an unforgettable performance one night in the Coliseum.

Our local impresario --many of you will provide his name -- booked The Will Maston Trio, fronted by Sammy Davis Jr., the nephew of bassist Will Maston. Sammy Sr. was in the act.

So tickets were sold and people planned to come to the Coliseum. Then we got a huge blizzard, closing roads, forcing cancellations, all that usual stuff. But the act was already in town, and they were at the Coliseum for warmup and mic

checks, etc.

I don't know how many tickets were sold, but I will never forget how many people showed up. Maybe 40. But the acts were there and the stagehands were there, including Dad, and I tagged along.

These days, talent would scrap the show, tell the promoter to refund everyone, and move on to the next gig when the highways were reopened.

But this was the 50s, and the Davises were in the house, and 40 or 50 South Dakotans were in the seats.

There was no cancellation.

Sammy Jr. came out with a mic and said, "Ok, here we are, it's snowing and it's just us. So everybody come down here by the footlights and stairs, where you can hear me, and let's just talk."

The audience clustered around the stairs, and Sammy sat on the top stair and just told us stories.

Now, I have seen national performers make fun of South Dakota Audiences. One was Ed Sullivan, I am sorry to report.

Even then most acts would have pulled the plug. But Sammy sat down and spun yarns and answered every question and really enchanted his ticket buyers. The trio played some numbers and Sammy sang and danced a little, but mostly it was the chat with those of us who showed up in a blizzard. We were well rewarded.

No one in the house that night is left.

None ever forgot, I'm sure. But I was clearly the only kid, and I suspect all the others are passed by now. Making me the archivist.

I don't know if Ralph Green was there to review it. But I was.



Letters to the & B



Don Brown '53
WHS Soph. Photo

On May 9, 2020, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Jack,

In the latest O&B Debbie Kemblowski seeks information on her mother, Patricia McClaren. In the 40s and 50s I knew a Patty McClaren who lived in Trent, SD and then later in Sioux Falls. The McClarens were family friends. I do not recall Patty at WHS, but I did know that her brother Bob was there when I was ('49-52).

Please pass this on to Debbie.

Thanks

Don Brown '53

On May 9, 2020, at 8:25 AM, Robert J Solem <skyking.rjs@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, Jack,

Found the following item about Lloyd Atwood (see link that follows).

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/38853763/atwood-lloyd-death-notice-1966/>

BTW- The materials I sent to you yesterday about Lloyd do not indicate he might have graduated from Trent (SD) High School.

Sorry to bother you with all of this.

Bob Solem '53 Bridgewater, SD High School

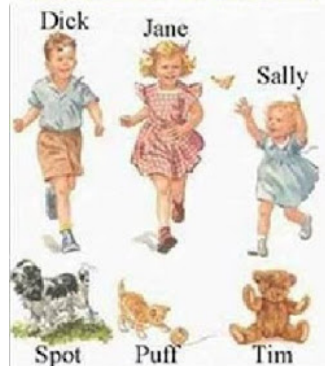
Editor's note: Thanks Bob. No bother. I really appreciate your help in trying to find information on Patricia and Lloyd. I will forward your email on to their daughter, Debbie. Jack



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In the 1400's a law was set forth
in England that a man was allowed
to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.
Hence we have 'The Rule Of Thumb'

Now don't you agree we need that law today?