

THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK NEWSLETTER



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Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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This entire O&B Newsletter is being written while Debra and I are on a 10 day Caribbean cruise so because research and scanning tools are unavailable it will be short. Jack

I would like to announce that at your Request the Alumni Orange & Black will continue!

Due to the very large number of touching and moving emails / phone calls I have received expressing how much you enjoy the O&B, letting me know what it has come to mean to you and asking me to continue, I have decided to postpone my retirement (again), for as long as possible.

I have always appreciated your letters of praise and thanks more than I am sure you know but when you started offering financial donations to help defer some of the O&B expenses it really made me realize more than ever how important the O&B seems to be to so many of you.

Please see the latest financial donation at the top of page 2 from **Terry Bradley '57** creating a WHS *Bradley Family Memorial*. As a result of all of your kind & positive responses I have decided to continue publishing the O&B for as long as possible. Of course we all know that neither the publication nor I can go on forever but in the meantime, when it eventually must end, let us all enjoy this remaining time together!

However, as the O&B continues I must, as always, continue to ask for your never ending support of submitting your "camera ready", (That is, stories in finished form, ready for me to print.), stories and photos of yourself, WHS friends, Sioux Falls and or South Dakota. But please remember the editorial policy that has been in place from the very beginning, simply no political or religious articles and no stories featuring your beautiful and adorable grandchildren.

We all know that without your related editorial contributions the O&B will not survive (and neither will I.). If nothing else just send a long or short story, WITH PHOTOS, on you life and career since WHS. I guarantee you that your classmates and friends will truly enjoy reading about what, where and when your life has taken you. If nothing else just tell us about your retirement and what you are doing in your senior years, and if you are enjoying it and if you are good at it!

Again, thanks so very much for your continued support!!!

Jack M. Phillips '54

Retired and living in Las Vegas, NV

Another Very Special Thank You and Welcome To The WHS PATRON CLUB Terry Bradley '57

On Feb 6, 2020, terry bradley <tb@kebetcoins.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

I must say that when I first read about your cockamamie idea that you were thinking of discontinuing publishing the O & B Newsletter next month, I thought "Jack would never REALLY do such a thing." However, now that March is almost here, I getting a little panicky!

On behalf of brother **William 'Bill' Bradley '46** (deceased); sisters, **Nita Bradley Bale '49**; **Linda Bradley Benson '54** (deceased); and myself (still kicking), we are mailing you a contribution in hopes you can see your way to keeping up the GREAT work.

Terry Bradley '57

On Feb 11, **Jack Phillips '54** <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Dear Terry,

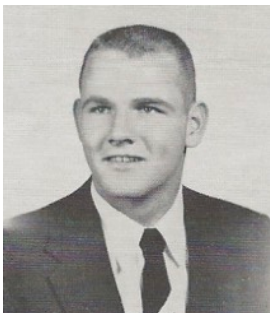
I just received your most generous \$100.00 donation to the O&B and I immediately had to sit down and write my acknowledgement and my thank you. I am sure that you will never realize how much your thoughtfulness means to me. And what an impression it has made on me in helping to make my decision to retire or not.

When I first read your Feb 6th email I thought what a nice, thoughtful thing for you to do on behalf of all four of your Bradley siblings who were all WHS Alumni. I feel certain without any doubt that Linda would be very pleased and proud of your thoughtfulness on her behalf. She was always one of my strongest supporters since she was an early O&B subscriber until her untimely passing.

Sincerely,

Jack Phillips '54

**In Memory
of**



Terry Bradley '57
WHS Senior Photo

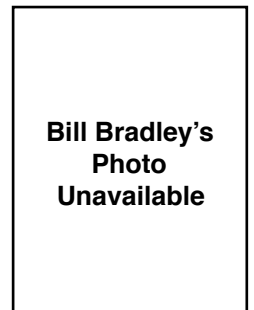


Linda Bradley '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Nita Bradley '49
WHS Senior Photo

**In Memory
of**



William 'Bill' Bradley '46
No WHS Photo Available

With Terry Bradley's \$100.00 donation to the WHS Patron's Club on behalf of the Bradley family they join the few and very appreciated financial supporters helping defray the on going publication expenses of the Orange & Black. Thank you Terry, so very much!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLIOT MILLER & THE CLASS OF '50 ON THEIR 70TH CLASS REUNION!!!

See Related Correspondence Below.



Elliott Miller '50

WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 15, 2020, **Elliott Miller '50** <evmiller@massmed.org> wrote:

Dear Jack,

I have been trying to stir up classmates (1950) to have a 70th reunion this summer. In the midst of this onerous task of tracking them down from a 20 year-old list, I have found some of them have died. The list following includes those so identified and the date of their death where I found it.

if you have any way of helping, it would appreciate some support in encouraging help and participation in a reunion.

- Arnold, DeVeryl 3/11
- Barrett, robert 6/94
- Clark, Dean 12/16

- Falmoe, Grace (Tracey)
- Farquhar, Vern 3/03
- Fideler, Betty (Dale) 7/15
- Fredickson, Arline (Sullivan) 11/18
- Gould, Kent 11/05
- Iverson, Garnet (Stoutenburt) 6/08
- Johnson, Marlene (Peterson) 12/08
- Knudson, Boyd 11/94
- McKee, Don 12/19
- McLean, Eden 11/92
- Moon, Joyce 7/10
- Munk, Shirlee 8/15
- Olson, Margaret 12/06
- Ryno, Bernice (Klamm) 9/19
- Smith, Don 8/18
- Wells, Marian 3/15
- Wiese, Delmar 11/13

As I was working, I came across Dorothy Adams Trindel whom you have listed as deceased. I found a new address for her in Texas with no indication that she had died:

1169 Lake Franklin Dr

Winnsboro, TX 75494-5756

Thanks again for all you do for WHS.

Cordially,
Elliott



On Feb 15, 2020, **Jack Phillips '54** <jack@jackmphilips.com> wrote:

Hi Elliot,

Sorry you are having trouble with your class list. Dealing with out of date, incomplete and inaccurate lists is probably the biggest single problem that every reunion organizer has ever had to deal with since the beginning of reunions.

But, congratulations on doing such a great job in helping to update the deceased list for your class that I try to maintain. You have just given me 20 new names that I will now add to the Class of '50's deceased list. There were only 157 names on my last published, "'50 list". Comparing that number with the numbers I have for other classes from the '50s decade I knew I was missing a lot of unknown deaths in the class of 1950.

Since I published the last '50s deceased list on Dec. 26, 2019, I also have two more names to be added. They are Carol Anawski '50 and Marlee Gefke '50. So with 157 from my Dec 2019 list, plus the 20 names you just sent me and the additional 2 names I have to add, that brings the total known deceased members for the class of 1950 to 179. That number of 179 deceased for your class is now much more comparable with the other classes from the fifties. For example, my class of 1954 has the highest number of known deaths at this time with 189.

About the only thing more I can think of to do to help you is to print either this letter from you as it is, or anything else you would like for me to publish in the next O&B. If I don't hear any more from you I will just proceed in publishing this email from you as it is.

Now, in regards to Dorothy Adams Trindel '50, She died in Winnsboro, TX on May 1, 2011. She was married to, Martin Kent Trindel, for 57 years. He also died in Winnsboro, TX on Sept. 9. 2014.

Good luck on getting your 1950 Class Reunion organized for this summer. I certainly strongly encourage all members of the WHS Class of 1950 to attend and support Elliott's wonderful efforts.
Jack Phillips '54

Dear Jack,

Publishing my letter may be some help to stir interest. Please do so.

Many Thanks,
Elliott

You might add this:

Elliott V Miller
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207-721-0310
evmiller@massmed.org

On Feb 19, 2020, at 1:03 PM, **Elliott Miller '50** <evmiller@massmed.org> wrote:

Dear Jack,

There are two more 1950 classmates I know have died.

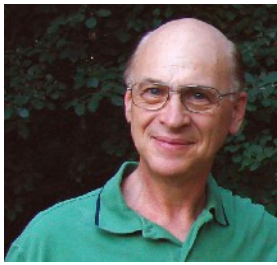
Dolly Ross Eger I know her husband

John Fliginger an old friend

Cordially,
Elliott Miller '50

Go 1950 Warriors!

If you were in the WHS Class of 1950, you should be truly thankful for Elliott's unselfish efforts to organize a '70 Reunion for your class. I hope you will appreciate his efforts by attending what very likely may be your class's last Reunion.



Mick Zerr
WHS Faculty 42 yrs.
1967 - 2009

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE OLD WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR YEARBOOKS.

On Feb 2, 2020, at 2:50 PM, Mick Zerr <zerrmick@gmail.com> wrote:
Jack, I see I am not the only one with computer issues. Like autos, they are a necessary evil. Anyway, you might not have received this poster for yearbooks. We, of course, do not have a surplus of every year to offer to folks, so we are giving folks the option of getting the year of their choice on a flash drive with JPG images. Cost is \$10 if they pick it up, and \$15 if mailed. Attached is the poster giving the info. We appreciate your hard work on the O&B! Thanks, Mick Zerr Chairman WSHC (Washington High School Historical Committee.)

**For information on obtaining a yearbook, (hard cover or flash drive)
call or email Jeff Herbert at: 605-310-9974 or email: herbertj@sio.midco.net
or Mick Zerr at zerrmick@yahoo.com**

**Yearbooks viewable on line
at the whshc.org website are:
1909, 1912, 1926, 1937, 1941**



**Additional donations
to help maintain the
WHS Historical Committee can
be made. Send to the WSHC
in care of
the Washington Pavilion
301 S. Main Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

**Not all years are
available' as hard copies
If you have a WHS
yearbook
up through 1992 to donate,
contact
Jeff Herbert**

WHS Yearbooks Available

Yearbooks (hard cover books) are available for a donation of \$15 each or 2 for \$20 plus postage.

**Yearbooks (all years) not available in print can be purchased as scanned
JPG or PDF images on a flash drive.**

A donation of \$10 if picked up, and \$15 if mailed for flash drive yearbooks.

Letters to the & B

Dear Readers, Just a note to remind you again that when my computer recently crashed and I lost a great deal of saved information for the O&B Newsletter. Unfortunately, this included a large number of "Letters To The Editor" that you had written. So if you haven't seen something you wrote and you still want it published please just send it again. Jack



Peggy Servold Teslow '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 27, 2020, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57**, pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote: · We are hoping some fellow Warriors will be able to help us solve a mystery! We were contacted by someone who found a WHS class ring from 1970. Quite some time ago, he was cleaning out his mother's chicken coop in Post Falls Idaho and found this class ring from Washington High School with the initials SM. If you know of someone from the class of 1970 who this might belong to, please contact us as we like to help get the ring back to the owner!

Peggy Servold Teslow '57



Dick Sweetman '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 18, 2020, **Richard Sweetman '54** <rcsweetman@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, A short while ago I was looking for something to read and for no reason at all I downloaded this book on my Kindle. The book is a series of interviews of people from all walks of life, from many countries, and all age brackets. I think the interviews took place in the mid-1980's.

Imagine my surprise to find an interview of our own Ron Veenker!! Ron, I'd love to hear how that came about. Jack, thought you might find this of interest also.

The book gives a fascinating look at life during and after WW II from the perspective of combatants and civilians both in the U.S. and in the European and Asian theaters of the war. Of particular interest to me are the interviews of the men and women associated with Roosevelt, both military and political, and how they felt about their roles in the war and, in looking back, their view of what was/was not accomplished.

Ron, I hope the weather issues you were facing during our reunion did not cause severe damage, and that all is well with you and your family. Luckily, Kathy and I are in CA and missing the blizzard that hit SD Friday. I knew there must be something good about California - I think this is it.

Dick Sweetman '54

Editor's note: Ron, we all would like to know how that came about?



Ron Veenker '54
WHS Senior Photo





Bill Rich '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 3, 2020, **Bill Rich MD '56**, wmrich@qnis.net wrote:
Dear Jack,

Greatly enjoyed the recent O&B and feel an urge to let you and your readers know that "A Rich Brother Still Lives"; some dents but doing OK. I retired last July. Brought on by a stroke in March and the addition of a second Gynecologic Oncologist who had just joined the program. Thus ended 45 years of surgery at the ObGyn training program in Fresno, Ca. My wife died 2014. My oldest son and his family live in Eureka Ca., and my other son and his family live in Northwest Arkansas. I moved to Arkansas to be near them and more

adequate medical facilities.

I have often thought how fortunate I was to have been in Sioux Falls, at Washington High in the 50's. That entire decade was fairly benign, although, there was no end of threats: polio, communists in the government, A-bomb attacks, fluoridation, Korea and the draft. Every school had a kid with some sort of birth defect. We were mostly unconcerned by any of this. I had two friends across the street next door to each other who died before high school from congenital heart disease. This almost never happens anymore due to early surgery. Hearts are made functional, feet are repaired, mouths are fixed.

Then came rock-n-roll and we all went to hell. **Bill Rich MD '56**



Mike Rich '57
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Tom Rich '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Ron Jamtgaard '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 6, 2020, **Ron Jamtgaard '51** <rjamtgaard@aol.com> wrote:
Jack,

I want to add to the many accolades you have received for publishing the 1950's Orange and Black for so many years. As a fortunate survivor of the Class of 1951, I have read each issue and have been surprised and entertained by reading so many names of friends and acquaintances. At WHS, I was active in Art Thompson's band, debate, and other clubs.

My wife, Shirley, and I moved to a senior living facility in Jan., 2019. We fully enjoy our lives at Touchmark in the West Hills, Portland, Oregon. At age 86, I understand your need to create some "kick-back time." But, if you choose to send another issue, I will devour it promptly. One idea is to cut back on the frequency of new issues.

In closing, my heartfelt thanks for a truly fantastic service to so many WHS alums.

Ron Jamtgaard '51

On Feb 2, 2020, Donald Brown '53 <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

In reading and writing there is nothing like a good ending. The photo and caption at the end of #1-20 gave me a big satisfying grin.

I hope you know full well how much your efforts have meant to your fellow 50s WHS grads. I'm sure I am with others in conflicted feelings about what to do now:

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Don Brown '53
WHS Sophomore Photo

hope for continued O&Bs, however spaced they might be, or just be thankful for the surprising edification and enjoyment from what you have already done. I'm sure that none of us would have imagined your newsletter coming into our lives.

Thank you, thank you, thank you....! And thanks especially for printing the items I contributed....

Don Brown '53



Jane Winnett '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 11, 2020, **Jane Winnett '54** <winnettjane220@gmail.com> wrote:
I really think you are doing too much and taking too much time out of your life to continue with all the tedious work. Why don't you just cut back to class of 54 and save yourself a lot of computer time? If I were your wife, you would drive me crazy doing that so many hours every day. Of course, we all love it.
Jane Winnett '54



Tom Muchow '56
WHS Senior Photo

From: "Tom Muchow" '56 <eaglewoodsman@gmail.com>
Subject: THANK You Jack
Date: February 15, 2020 at 11:24:02 AM EST
To: "JACK Phillips" <jack@jackphillips.com>

On Arnie's Passing Away,
Jack I cannot thank you enough for the blog's about our fellow classmates passing's. Arnie was a friend to everyone. I knew him when I was student at WHS(Classmate of 1956). He was a very gracious fellow student. Thanks for all the updates you post on our fellow classmates of whatever year they graduated. My mom(Irene May Harrington) graduated from WHS in the early 1930's. She was my primary reason I went to WHS even though I graduated from a one Room country school. So I say again to YOU, Thank you ever so much for the Postings of Fellow Classmate's. Thank You and Take Care,
W. Thomas Muchow '56



Jim Boese '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 31, 2020, **James K Boese '59** <jboese@harringtonraceway.com> wrote:

Jack – I have been meaning to write for a long time – ever since my cousin Wayne Boese turned me onto you Newsletter at my sister's (Sharon Hunt) funeral. I, and am sure everyone that receives the Newsletter, are extremely thankful for the effort you put into this passion. I'm 79 now (Class of '59) and I often wonder, because I can't remember, did I work for you during my senior year of high school?
Jim Boese

This correspondence with Jim Boese '59 continued on next page.

From: Jack Phillips '54 [mailto:jackmp@me.com]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 1:55 PM
To: James K Boese '59 <jboese@harringtonraceway.com>

Hi Jim, First of all, thanks for the kind words. I am glad you enjoy the O&B.

Secondly, work for me doing what? Unfortunately I don't recall your name but I don't recall lots of things from that long ago.

Jack Phillips '54

On Jan 31, 2020, **James K Boese '59** <jboese@harringtonraceway.com> wrote:

Jack, If you are the person I'm thinking of it was selling pots and pans and such to brides to be.

Jim Boese '59

From: Jack Phillips '54<jackmp@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:47 PM
To: James K Boese '59 <jboese@harringtonraceway.com>

Hi Jim, I am probably the guy. I sold pots and pans for several years while in college and made lots of money. I ended up as a manager of some sort and hired and trained a lot of different guys to work for me. Sorry that I don't recall your name. One guy that I remember was, and you might remember, was Tom Muilenburg from the class of '58.

Small world isn't it.

Jack

On Feb 3, 2020, **James K Boese '59** <jboese@harringtonraceway.com> wrote:

Jack – I don't know if it will help to jog your memory but in high school I dated Tom's sister Sue. You let me use your I believe it was a 1958 chevy convertible to take Sue Muilenburg to our 1959 senior prom.

Best regards,

Jim Boese '59

Unfortunately, I do not have a senior photo for Patti O'Rielly '59 due to the fact that this entire newsletter is being created on a cruise ship and I do not have the 1959 yearbook with me. Sorry Patti!

On Feb 13, 2020, **Patti O'Rielly Miller '59** <PMiller@murphymiller.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

First and foremost, thank you for the incredible contribution you have made to the classes of the Fifties and their families! We all owe you a big shout out! I was fortunate to be added to your list last September, when

my reunion classmate, Connie Nelson, told me about you. My joi de vivre has been a bit of 50's reminiscing ever since.

I believe there was discussion about your needing to step back from this responsibility in March for a variety of reasons. Is that still your plan? I recall that the expense of the computer equipment and other related items was one reason. No doubt, the time devoted to this is extensive. Is there a way we can help? I am not certain how anyone can help with the process but the expense should be a no brainer. I know you mentioned getting new equipment. I am very willing to help with that. I am also in favor of an annual or monthly contributions from those of us who enjoy your publication. Perhaps not everyone is able, however, some more than others.

Jack,, please share your thoughts with me. Thank your beautiful wife for all her support.

Most sincerely,

Patricia O'Rielly Miller '59

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**Debra and Jack saying hello from Aruba today, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
Wish you all were here!**

