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Dallas Beshaler will Emcee '06 Alumni Program



2006 Master of Ceremonies Dallas Beshaler, '92, and his wife Shelley "hard" at work in the hall at the 2005 banquet.

Dallas Beshaler, Class of '92, will be the master of ceremonies for the 2006 Alumni Program.

Following graduation from Arnold High, Dallas attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in 1996 with a degree in broadcast communications. Following that graduation, he worked for KCNI/KBBN radio station in Broken Bow and then KRNV in Lexington as an announcer. In 1997 KRNV purchased KTIC/KWPN in West Point,

Nebraska, and he moved there to become their sports director.

Due to a small paycheck and a growing family, he moved to Broken Bow and went to work for Becton Dickinson Manufacturing, first as a quality supervisor and then as a human resources coordinator.

In March of this year, Dallas began work with NPPD (Nebraska Public Power District) in York as a human resources representative, where he has respon-

sibility for nine NPPD facilities across the eastern half of Nebraska.

Throughout all of the moves, Dallas continued announcing sports for KCNI/KBBN, including several Arnold games every year. Dallas said, "I always made it clear to all of the listeners that Arnold students were the fastest, strongest, smartest, and best-looking in the state. The final scores didn't always support my claims, but I have tried to convince everybody that I was right."

Dallas went on to say, "My other accomplishment since graduation from Arnold High has been the creation of more Beshalers. I married my wife, Shelley, in 1996, and we have three kids: Dexter, 8, Alex, 6, and Roxanne, 2. They are all good looking like me and pictures are available upon request."

As you visit with Dallas at the Alumni Banquet, ask him about the exciting events and happenings.

2006 ALUMNI BANQUET AND PROGRAM

Saturday, May 27

Serving: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meal Cost: \$7.00

MENU:

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Sundae Cups
Rolls/Butter
Coffee & Tea

ALUMNI PROGRAM

7:30 p.m.

"Late Night with Johnny Carson."

Welcome from the President

Dear Alumni,

Well, it's that time of year again! Soon classmates, friends, and family will be getting together to reminisce about old high school memories. What a fun time it is. The Arnold Alumni Association takes pride in having one of the most well attended alumni celebrations around. I hope everyone has plans to attend this year as well, especially the Class of 1986. I am looking forward to celebrating our 20th class reunion. Yes, I have been out of high school 20 years. I can't believe it!

I am excited for everyone to come back to Arnold and see the changes in our community. The new community center is going to be a big attraction. The building is up and work on the interior is being done. The Baptist Church has the exterior of their new building up as well. The theater is also making continuous progress. I really appreciate the progress Arnold has made in the last few years and the people that make it possible. It's a great place to live and raise a family.

Our school continues to meet the education needs of our children. Our school board allows our students to advance with technology. As of next year, Arnold High School students will be supplied with a lap top computer that will be theirs to use throughout high school. The school also has a graphics production business that



'06 President
Tammy Weinman

the students can participate in. They make signs for businesses, organizations, etc. and put the numbers on the racecars for the Sandhills Open Road Challenge, which has become a very large event for Arnold and Custer County. I believe this gives the students a great opportunity to actually see how a business is run and gives them a lot of great experience. The Arnold School Foundations is also doing great things for our school. We also have many

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In Memory

"Life is but a vapor
That passes before our eyes;
To our friends and classmates
Who have bid us their good-byes;
We miss you and hold your memory dear."

Alumni who have passed away since May 1, 2005, or word received since that time...

1930 - Ray McCandless	1939 - Lorine Bean
1931 - Mary Worrell	Rutner
Tryon (teacher 1956-1973)	1940 - Clark Lewis
1932 - Barbara Geiser	1942 - Leroy Pope
Rondon; Arleeta Meads	1943 - Doyle Dunker
Keller	1944 - Florence
1934 - Ruth Turley Lloyd	Hickenbottom Berg
1935 - Ardis Backes	1945 - Doug Cole
Whittington; Pauline	1947 - Harlan Lantz
Forrester Harberts;	1952 - Wes Larreau
Leonard Steburg	1965 - Mary Lu Thoms
1936 - Fern Brittan	Thomas
Cornell; Jim Ricker.	1966 - Mike Keyser
1937 - Darrell	2003 Tim Varney
Rosenstrater	Teacher 1960-1964
1938 - Don Clizbe	Virgil Meyer

Reminders...

Alumni dues of \$4.00 must be paid before attending the 2006 banquet and program. These dues also will permit you to receive the 2007 Alumni News. Each alumni may bring one non-alumni guest and no undergraduate guests or children will be allowed.

There are 11 directories left and available for purchase. The cost is \$7.00, plus \$1.90 if mailed.

Secretary/Treas. Retiring

Sharron Welty Bean, who has been the secretary-treasurer for the last 14 years, as well as holding the office for six years in the 70s, has announced that this will be her final year in the office. If there is anyone interested in the position, which does have a "salary" with it, Sharron would be glad to have you come in during the year and see what the job entails.

Thank you, Sharron, for your years of service!

The honored classes memorial can be found on page 11.

2006 Officers

President - Tammy Milne Weinman '86
1st Vice President - Karla Cole Rockwell '73
2nd Vice President - Tim Rosenstrater '79
Secretary-Treasurer Sharron Welty Bean '56

Why I Love Alumni Weekend

By Darlene Rimpley

I love Alumni weekend! On the Friday before the Alumni banquet, when I drive down the streets of Arnold and see all of the out-of-town cars, I start to get excited and it just builds from there. Actually, the anticipation starts long before that weekend when we begin getting the letters for The Alumni News and alumni tell you they are "coming home," and the honored classes begin making their plans for get-togethers, and the officers are meeting to make their plans. Wow! What excitement!

And then the time is finally here: the night of the banquet. Let me tell you why I loved it. I got a hug from Charlene Scott Mahnke '56; shook hands with Jeanne Gracey '75; talked to Bill Henman '50; visited with Lloyd '43 and Jean Nelson Beltz '42; hugged Ester Smith Pearson '25; watched Clark Lewis and Robert Watson, both '40, talk over old times; sat next to Mary Alice Brittan Atkins '39; and read off the list of deceased friends for her; saw Duane and Carolyn Blowers Bowers, both '81, prove to Pat Deterding Crow '53, that their dues were paid up 'way ahead'; joked with Dave Steele '93; had Dan Keyser '75 take a moment to visit with me; had Jeanette Bassett Andrew '55 help me look over the auditorium to see if I could spot Margaret

Lilly Jensen '52, who was supposed to save a seat for me; traded insults with Wayne Lamberty '75; laughed and laughed at the jokes by the president and MC; enjoyed the program and was sorry when it was over. That was just the tip of the iceberg, and I love every minute of Alumni!

Obviously, so do the 400-plus other people who were at the school with me.

A delicious grilled ham dinner was served, with Melody Larreau Jennings in charge of the planning, preparation and even the cleanup. Incoming seniors worked in the dining room to help with the many tasks like refreshing drinks, carrying dirty dishes, etc.

The program opened with a memorial listing the alumni who passed away in the past year.

The 2005 Alumni president, Rick Beshaler, welcomed the guests (mentioning that his voice was quivering for some reason) and introduced the master of ceremonies, Dan Eastburn '77.

Dan regaled us with stories of the Eastburn family, and of course, we believed every one of them. (My favorite was Brad's request of the genie.) After a time of reminiscing, the honored classes made their annual parade to introduce themselves and have their class picture taken. The attendance by the honored classes was great!

The Class of 1925's one remaining member, Ester Smith Pearson, who now lives at Callaway, was present. When asked by Dan what she remembered about her high school years, she said, "You wouldn't want to know."

The Class of 1935 had 8 members of the 20 graduates still living and had two present: Beulah Beckler LeLaCheur of Broken Bow and Ann Martin Smith of Arnold. They were saddened by the death of one of their members, Leonard Steburg, just this past week.

The Class of '45 had 6 of the 13 still living in attendance, with one from Florida, one from Cozad, one from Kearney, and three from Arnold.

The 50 year class - those who have now entered the realm of the "oldies" - the Class of 1955 - had 15 out of 21 present, with the states of Texas, California, Washington, and Nebraska represented.

There were 34 members in the graduating Class of 1965. Two members are deceased, and out of the 32 left, 17 were in attendance. Class members came from Wyoming, Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, and Tennessee, as well as Nebraska, of course.

And then came the Class of 1975, and there was a long line of them. This class had 31 graduates, one is deceased, and they had 22 at the banquet, with the states of Kansas, Minnesota, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Arizona and Nebraska represented, with one more coming in from Florida for the Sunday gathering. The long line of class members made it look like the Class of '75 would take attendance honors, and they did, but that was even behind the Class of '25 who had 100% attendance.

The Class of '85 had seven of the remaining 15 (two deceased) in attendance, with the only out-of-stater coming from Illinois.

The Class of '95 had what was probably the best turnout any ten year class has had. Out of 21 graduates, there were 13 in attendance, with California and Colorado, along with Nebraska, represented.

Blake Bierman, president of the Class of '05, presented their class picture and was welcomed into the Arnold



"Did you hear the story about Rick?" 2005 president Rick Beshaler, '71, and emcee Dan Eastburn, '77.

Alumni. When the class was called to come forward to be recognized, only Kerri Coleman, Pam Larreau, and Julie Lucas were present, but nine of the boys had been present. Were they too bashful to come forward?

Former teachers present were Bonnie Rose, Marion Fuller Nelson, Marilyn Brohman, Don Hardin, and Jane Hornung.

A panel of "The Not-So-New-Newlyweds" gave us a brief look into married life. Mike and Barb Gunther, married 17 years; Brad and Deb Atkins, married 30 years; and Don and Debbie Brosius, married 29(?) years answered questions that every husband and wife know about each other.

Panel master Tim Rosentrater asked a series of questions to first the wives, while the husbands were off stage to see how close they could come to the same answer their husbands would give, and then in the second round it was reversed. We learned that Mike and Barb do not agree on what Mike's most prized possession is, that Brad's

most prized possession is a dog (and I heard that the dog is dead), and that Don thinks 65 is a pretty good age, among other secrets. Thanks, Patti McConnell Schwarz, for such a great program.

During the intermissions of the panel, and throughout the evening, door prizes were drawn for. These gifts are from the businesses around town, along with the table favors, and this is greatly appreciated by the winners and the Alumni Association.

Rick then thanked the people who had assisted him in planning and "producing" the '05 banquet and program, and announced the officers for the 2006 event: President Tammy Milne Weinman '86; 1st Vice-President (program) Karla Cole Rockwell '73; 2nd Vice-President (meal) Tim Rosentrater '79; and Sharron Welty Bean '56, is in her second year of a three year term as secretary-treasurer.

I love Alumni - Arnold Alumni, that is. Can you blame me?



"We're happy!" Hazel Forrester Stupplebeen '34 and Carol Vogel Birkey '55.

Class of 1926

There were 28 members in the Class of 1926, and all are deceased.

Class of 1936

Class Colors: American Beauty Red & Cream
Class Flower: American Beauty Rose

Class Recognition Day was held May 15, 1936, with the theme "Commencement Powwow." Baccalaureate was held May 17 with the message by Rev. Van Metre and commencement was held Tuesday, May 19, 1936.

Sneak Day: Went to North Platte in a truck, where they "just fooled around."

There were 32 members in the Class of 1936, with ten members still living.

Verna Olson Klatt '36 Golden, CO

My life over the last 70 years since graduation has been exciting, challenging, and always fulfilling. After graduation, I went to Denver, Colo., where I worked at a number of different jobs before I married Eldon Klatt in 1941. We spent nineteen wonderful years together and had three sons, Gary, Ronald and Randall. During the nineteen years we moved a number of times and eventually settled in Golden, Colo., in the fall of 1959.

Eldon passed away in April of 1960, and I went to work at Penneys and then May D&F in Lakewood, Colo. I worked in cosmetic department at May D&F for 27 years and retired in 1992.

I have maintained my home in Golden and been a support for my three sons and their families. Gary, my oldest son, has been a teacher and football coach in a large high school in Denver for over thirty years. He and his wife, Reta, have four married children Julie, Jason, Jenny and Joel. They have two grandchildren, Benjamin (age 2) and Jacob (5 mo.) my great-grandchildren.

Ronald is married to Kathy and has two sons, Andy and Tim. Randall, my youngest son, is not married and has been employed by King Soopers, a large food chain, for over 25 years.

I attend Faith Bible Chapel and am very involved in the Womens Ministry at my church. My Lord has seen

me through wonderful times and the challenging times in my life. I am very blessed in so many ways. I have always been grateful that I was born and raised in Arnold, Nebraska. I plan to be at the reunion and banquet.

Verna

Luda Bailey Myers '36 Anderson, CA

Dear Friends & Classmates: Well, here we are at our 70th year class reunion.

I came to California in 1943, on my honeymoon.

I married a young fellow from Broken Bow, April 4, came to California, have been here sixty-three years. We moved three times before settling here in Northern California. We have a son who lives in Sacramento and a daughter, who lives in this area. We have two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

I'm hoping I can make it back for the reunion. Have been having back problems, and hope the doctors can fix me up.

Thanks again for the invitation and I sure hope I can make it. To each and every one who works for the good of the Alumni, a special thank you.

Sincerely,
Luda

Marion Dunn Koefoot '36 Hastings, NE

Dear Darlene and Alumni: A special thank you to all alumni who have been so organized and committed to this reunion every year.

For the past seventy years I have been a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, volunteer for the Cancer Society, and a social butterfly. As you probably remember, my husband Ted (at the completion of his Army service) practiced medicine in Broken Bow for thirty years and then was asked to join the Immanuel Medical Center Emergency Room Physicians. He remained there for eight years, after which we retired to Hastings, Nebraska, where our daughter and her family resided. While in Hastings, Ted continued to work as the Medical Director at the Regional Center, at the State Prison, and at Fonner Park. During our sixty-three years of marriage, we traveled extensively.

Our daughter, Gretchen, her husband, Nick, and



The one remaining member of the Class of 1925, Ester Smith Pearson, was in attendance at the 2005 reunion.

their three children all graduated from the University of Nebraska. Sarah, my oldest granddaughter, is a medical doctor specializing in obstetrics in Omaha. She has two of my great-grandchildren. Nicholas, my grandson, is a Stockbroker with Smith Barney in Omaha. Suzanne, my youngest granddaughter, is a pharmaceutical representative. She has my other great-grandchild.

My lifelong companion and husband passed away on November 1, 2004. Since his death, I keep myself busy with widowed friends, grandchildren, and keeping my daughter on the run along with the Caring Hands who are at my home every day.

Again, my appreciation to all of you for the excellent banquet every year. I plan on being in Arnold in the afternoon and for the banquet. Save me two banquet tickets. Thanks.

Marion

Hazel Mills Smith '36 Montgomery, AL

Dear Darlene,

After graduating I taught school in Mills Valley for two years. I loved every one of those students, but decided to go to California to seek my fortune, where my aunt and uncle Margaret and Fritz Lewis lived in Burlingame. I got a job in the telephone co. I loved that job and made one promotion after another. When my cousin Gayle Dennis got out of school, I called her to come out to California and I'd help her get a good job in the telephone company. She did and Gayle and I got an



Class of 1935 (l-r): Ann Martin Smith and Beulah Beckler Le La Cheur.

apartment together.

Gayle's cousin, Skeet Bean, was in the navy. When his ship docked in San Francisco, he decided to look up his cousin Gayle. Gayle was at work and I answered the door, there stood Skeet and his buddy, a tall, blonde sailor. When Gayle got off work, they took us out to eat. Gayle and Skeet talked, while Ray Carlton "Smitty" Smith and I talked. We found we had so much in common. He was

an only child, as I was. His birthday was September 14, 1918, and I was born the same day. He was to get out of the navy in January 1942. We were engaged, his ship went to Pearl Harbor in October 1941, but Pearl Harbor was bombed. I never saw him again until

February 1944. He got a month's leave and we got married at the Octavia St. Baptist Church.

After the wedding we left on the train for Alabama for that month. After he went back to his ship, and I to my job.

In June 1945, close to the end of the war, I got a message from the navy to be in San Francisco port 19 and meet my husband on the hospital ship USS Rescue when they transferred him from the litter to the ambulance. He was flown to Corona Naval Hospital outside of L.A. I transferred in the telephone co. in Corona, California. He was there six months. Then we drove to Andalusia, Alabama. He got a job as an electrical engineer, building transmission lines for Alabama Electric. He would not let me work. I volunteered for everything I could.

We were married six years when Sharis Rae brightened our lives. Six more years

when Carmen came, she was named after my best friend, Frieda Carmen Sutton. We had a wonderful life until my husband died in 1978. Carmen and I stayed in Andalusia until 1984 when we moved to Montgomery to be near Sharis and Ronnie and my only grandchild Mathew.

I enjoyed Andalusia and I am enjoying Montgomery. Living in a retirement complex, but you have to be able to take care of yourself. I play a lot of dominoes and canasta. I had a wonderful childhood, a great married life, and now I am enjoying my golden years.

This is my 70 years. I hope it isn't too long. I plan to be there, my daughter Sharis is coming with me.

Hazel

Genevieve McGuire Miller '36

Arcadia, CA
Dear Darlene,

Seventy years since graduation! I can't believe it. I have wonderful memories of my high school days - good friends - great teachers who were interested in each of us. After teaching for two years at Crossroads rural school at \$55 a month, I saved enough to get my bachelor of fine arts degree at the Nebraska State Teachers College in Kearney, majoring in music. Then on to Northwestern and teaching for a year in Joliet, Illinois.

Jerry Miller and I were married in 1943 and we moved to California after the war, where Jerry followed a career in administration with the County of Los Angeles. We have two sons; one who is a professor of music at Fullerton University and the other

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Alumni Association Financial Report

INFLOWS:

Donation.....	126.00
Dues.....	1,807
Meal.....	2,597.00
N.E. Directory.....	217.00
Paper Income.....	44.00
Postage Income.....	7.60
Program.....	32.00
Redeposit Money.....	840.00
TOTAL INFLOWS.....	5,670.60

OUTFLOWS:

Banquet.....	1,127.85
Cash.....	840.00
Janitorial.....	150.00
Picture Development.....	56.60
Postage Expense.....	571.68
Printing.....	1,020.03
Sales Tax.....	188.70
Secretary Fee.....	1,000.00
Supplies.....	179.29
TOTAL OUTFLOWS.....	5,154.15

OVERALL TOTAL.....536.45

Class of 1936

Continued from page 3. works for the county and state in children's services. We are blessed with seven grandchildren.

I taught piano lessons at our home until a few years ago, which was very rewarding for me. We were fortunate to have traveled until recently when we find it pleasurable to stay close to home and enjoy our sons and their families most of whom live nearby.

We wish we could be there for the high school reunion, but it is not feasible this year. My regards to all who are able to be there. It is always such a delightful time to see dear friends from yesteryear.

Best personal regards,
Genevieve

Class of 1946

Class Colors: Blue and Gold.

Class Flower: White Carnation.

Class Song: "Once In A While."

Class Motto: "With the ropes of the past we shall ring the bells of the future."

Sneak Day: This was an "illegal" sneak day, as they were not supposed to have one. They loaded into Johnny Morrison's truck and went to the gravel pit, where they spent the day.

There were 21 members of the Class of '46, with 12 still living.

Arland Koubeck '46
Liberty, MO

Hello Fellow 1946 Classmates,

I am living in Liberty, Missouri at Cedars, an assisted care facility. I enjoy visits with my children and grandchildren. All of my children are AHS grads also. Peter ('76), farms in Arnold. He has two daughters who are grown, (Erin and Amanda, husband Pat), all live in Colorado. Two of his children are still at home, Dustin and Katelynn, and attend Arnold School. Cathy ('75), and her husband, Mark, with their three children (Matthew, Michael, and Patricia) live in NW Arkansas. Jim ('82), wife, Katja, and their daughter, Anna Marie, reside in Storm Lake, Iowa. Steve ('84) and wife, and children Andrew, Rachael, and Jessica, also live in the South, in

Alabama. I do enjoy those visits with all the kids and grandkids. I look forward to VFW and American Legion activities here. A group of fellows I worked with at Chemagro when Pat and I lived in Kansas City years ago often get together for a meal or to go fishing.

At this time I regret I will be unable to join you in May, but I wish you a great get together and time of sharing memories.

Arland "Pete"

Russell Pope '46
Harlen, IA

Dear Dot,

Plan to attend our 60th reunion if nothing comes up to change our plans.

Russ

Stan Pearson '46
Kimball, NE

Dear Dot,

Somehow I knew it would be you who sent out the invitations this year. There seems to be fewer of us than before. I will certainly miss that Turley character. Won't be the same without him.

Anyway, put my name on the list. I expect to be there, that is, if I can stay out of the hospital that long. Come to think of it, I'm not going back there - those doctors can make you sick. Oh, by the way, there will be two of us, if we allow class of '49 alumni there. I will be bringing my wife of 46 years.

Love, Stan

Dottie Beltz Bowman '46
Kearney, NE

Dear Dot,

It certainly doesn't seem like 60 years since graduating from Arnold Senior High! I have so many fond memories of Arnold and my friends.

I married Chet Bowman in 1947, and we have two children, Brad and Tami. We also have four grandchildren. We all reside in Kearney, except for one granddaughter who lives in Kansas City. My daughter, Tami, lives next door, and Brad lives just two blocks away. Our family owns and operates B-4 Grain and Culligan Water of Kearney.

We have lived in Kearney for 41 years, and it has been a wonderful community to raise a family. After 56 years of marriage to Chet, he passed away two years ago. He is lovingly remembered and missed by us all.

I have been quite active in the Nebraska Women's Golf



Class of 1945 (l-r) Donald Shreve, Verla Strasburg May, Doug Cole, Ploma Weinman Geiser, John Nelson, Eloise Crow Hayward.

Association through the years, serving on the board, as well as holding various state offices. Golf has been a passion of mine and has brought me years of enjoyment, as well as dear friends along the way. I have also served on the Kearney Planning Commission for the past 27 years. When the snow falls, I enjoy playing bridge to stay busy.

I plan to be at the Alumni Banquet this year and hope to see many old friends. Many "thanks" to all of you who help host this event each year. You do a wonderful job!

Sincerely,
Dottie

Class of 1956

Class Colors: Charcoal and Pink.

Class Flower: Long Stem Rose.

Class Motto: "We will find a way or we will make one."

Sneak Day: The class went to Denver.

There were 23 members in the Class of 1956, with 19 still living. An interesting fact: this is one of very few classes where not one graduating member married another Arnold graduate.

Charlene Scott
Mahnke '56
Papillion, NE

Dear Sharron and Virginia,

First of all, thanks for getting things rolling for the class 50 year reunion and to LaCleda for getting the afternoon meeting place for us. I am in the process of

completing a 50 year booklet for each member of the Class of '56 since you said we needed one.

Do you remember how we used to think anyone who had been out of school for 40 or 50 years was old? Well, I don't quite look at it that way anymore. Age is a state of mind, right? We've got to just keep putting one foot in front of the other and living as God would have us to live. I read today that "life has no eraser" so we just proceed on.

Well, let's see. Since graduating, I attended business school, passed the civil service testing and got a government job with Farmers Home Administration in North Platte and later was transferred to the office in Albion. It was in Albion I met my lifetime partner. We were married in September, 1960 and have lived in Albion, St. Paul, Neligh, Brunswick, Alliance and Norfolk...wherever Chuck's job took us. Our three sons were all born while we lived in St. Paul. They graduated from Alliance High and then the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Chuck retired from the Soil Conservation Service at age 60 while we were living in Norfolk. After a few years with our sons all living in Papillion we decided to move here. So, May 1, 2003, Papillion became our new home and hopefully where we will stay. It has worked out great for us.

We have a daughter-in-law Susie, granddaughter Darby, and a grandson Cody. Susie is originally from

Papillion. Darby is three-years-old and Cody (who lives in Paradise Valley, AZ) is 15 1/2. We enjoy our family very much.

Chuck and I are both working in AWANA here. This is about our 25th year of working with kids in AWANA. We love our church here and the strong bible teachings we are receiving.

Since high school graduation I have always worked as a secretary and thought when we moved here I would be fully retired; but...my son and daughter-in-law needed some help in their title insurance office this summer, so I work three mornings a week for them and enjoy it very much.

I am looking forward to our reunion in May. It will be good seeing everyone. We try to make the alumni banquet each year and we really do appreciate all the hard work everyone does to make this one of the best alumni associations ever.

See you in May!
Charlene

Diane Olson Rodekohr '56
Cheyenne, WY

Dear Classmates of '56:

So here we are about to celebrate our 50th reunion — absolutely unbelievable.

After we graduated, I attended the National Business Institute in Lincoln and then moved to Cheyenne to work for the Wyoming Air National Guard. LaCleda Mills soon joined me here and we had a great "single girl" life for a

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Class of 1956

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few years. In 1960 I married Keith Rodekohr and together we raised four children of whom we are very proud. We have eight grandchildren, ranging in ages 26 to 16, and they have been the light of our lives.

My professional career consisted of 16 years with the Associated General Contractors and 18 years with U.S. Senator Alan Simpson as his State Director. Upon his retirement, I continued working for Senator Mike Enzi in the same capacity until I retired in 2000. Keith flew with the Air National Guard for 37 years and retired in 1992. We have enjoyed our retirement with traveling, spending time at our lake home and following our grandchildren in their activities.

God has truly blessed me in so many ways. Along with a good life and family, my mother and brother live close by and my dear friend LaCleda lives here. And then there is Virginia McClure Steele, who not only is my cousin by marriage, but my life-long soul mate. It doesn't get much better than that.

I look forward to our time together at our reunion.

Diane

Harold Halouska '56
Denver, CO

Dear Classmates and Alumni:

I would like to start by saying "thank you" to the alumni and people of Arnold who make this celebration possible every year. The alumni gives us a chance to come back home and relive memories when we were younger and more care free. Reaching our 50th anniversary is an accomplishment to be enjoyed. The classmates and friends who are no longer with us will always be remembered and never forgotten. I have always enjoyed coming back to Arnold frequently to visit relatives and friends.

The past 50 years have gone by rather quickly. The first three years after graduation I worked on farms around Arnold. This holds many fond memories for me.

In 1959 I enlisted in the US Air Force; here I received training in Data Processing. It has been a skill which I have used throughout my



Class of 1955: (3rd row, l-r) Don Chrisp, Bill Morrison, Bill Smith, Larry Brohman, Larry Yarrington, James Catterson; (2nd row, l-r) Ellen Rader Chrisp, Jeanette Bassett Andrews, Janice Barnes Westman, Mary Croghan Hardin, Carol Vogel Birkey; (1st row, l-r) Virgil Hoskins, Jr., Maryalice Quig Sheets, Rosella Beatty Geiser, classmate (non-graduate) Delores Middleton Clouse.

Marvin Smith '56
Callaway, NE

Here we go again!!!

How do you recap 50 years of life? I guess I would first say that it has been fun for the most part. There is always a few bumps in the road, (or deer in the headlights.)

After graduation I went to summer school and received a teaching certificate. After teaching a year in the Sandhills north of Ringgold, I felt that I needed more out of doors in my life, so I went to work at a gas station in Holdrege.

In June of 1957 I married my sweetheart, Anita Estergard. In October we moved to North Platte. I soon got a job at Cesco Electric where I worked for eight years. I then got a job at North Platte Municipal Light and Power. I worked my way up to electric metering supervisor before retiring in 1990.

In July of 1990 we moved to Callaway, where I opened my own wiring business. In between wiring jobs I drove a school bus and Anita worked as an elementary teacher's aid. In 1994 we convinced our son-in-law, Roy Callahan, to come to Callaway to help keep up with the wiring business. By the 2000 I was ready to quit crawling under houses etc.

Sincerely,
Harold

At that time I gave the wiring company to our son-in-law, Roy, and retired again.

By this time I had started doing stained glass projects again as a hobby. Soon, the word got out and I began helping the math and geometry class design and build stained glass panels that represented different geometric shapes etc. This led to teaching stained glass to other people in the area.

In late November of 2005, I got a call from a friend, asking if I could substitute for him as instructor of electrical wiring at Mid Plains Voc Tech College in North Platte. Of course I couldn't refuse. (So much for retirement! It now appears that I may be there as an assistant for at least 18 months or more.)

Anita and I have a wonderful family. We have three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Our oldest son, Robert, and his wife, Cindy, live in Nampa, Idaho. They have three children. Greg and his wife, Malinda, have a girl, Harlow. Ryan and his wife, Holly, have a boy, Elija. Rachel and her husband, Ryan Cheney, have a girl, Kilie, and a boy, Konnor. Neil and his wife Lynn live in Omaha. They have three children, a girl, Andrea, a

boy, Alec, and a girl, Kennedy. Cynthia and her husband, Roy Callahan, live in Callaway. They also have three children. Roy III and his wife, Mel, are in the military at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Heather and her husband, Bobby Baxter, live in Broken Bow. They have a girl, Tina, and a boy, Jaxon. Lara is still in school in Callaway.

Marvin

Maxine Middleton
Wonch '56 - Ansley, NE

Dear Sharron,

Thank you, Virginia, for the reminder of writing what's happened in 50 years. I was first married from our class while a senior. Donivan Wonch and I were married February 5, 1956, and were blessed with three children: Rodney Lee, December 15, 1956; Debra Maxine, May 1, 1958; Diane Marie, January 10, 1960. We lived on the Wonch farm east of Arnold or in Arnold from 1956-1968 as I worked as waitress in cafes or cleaning houses for business people. In June 1966, I started working at Becton Dickinson Vacutainer System in Broken Bow. In April of 1968, following Donivan's father's death, we moved to Ansley as Donivan

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was working at Rockwell Plant in Kearney. May 1970 we bought our home in Ansley which we completely remodeled.

All my children and grandchildren graduated from Ansley and all grandchildren went to college but Steven. My children all married Ansley graduates. Rodney has two girls. Amee, 26, lives in McCook and works at Sunmart; Kristen, 22, got married in July, lives in Ansley, works at Jabroni's. Debra has a son Jay, 30, graduated from Milford Trade School before his freak accident and is resident at Quality Living Brain Trauma Rehab in Omaha. Diane has three children: Timothy, 25, went to college at Norfolk Northeast, now at Walmart in Vermillion, S.D., where he plans to enroll in Vermillion College; Sarah, 21, went to Norfolk Northeast and Valentine's Day married her college sweetheart and are parents of my only great-grandchild, John Isaac Edward Leitig. They bought a home in Ansley and Sarah works at Sandhills Manor. Steven, 20, of Ansley does cement work for a construction company out of Ansley. My children and Debra's husband work for Becton Dickinson Diagnostics Preatalytical Systems in Broken Bow.

I lost my husband, Donovan, May 3, 1996, after two heart attacks and open heart surgery. He was on a heart transplant list, chemo and radiation treatment for lung cancer and had cardiac arrest. We had celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in February. Our oldest grandson, Jay, was critically injured February 11, 1997, in a freak accident when his car fell off ramps on him while working under it.

December 9, 1997, I had a heart attack at work and was in the Broken Bow hospital four days and was taken by ambulance to Bryan in Lincoln where I had a stent put in and five pints of blood. I spent a week in Bryan hospital.

I retired from Becton Dickinson April 2000, after almost 35 years of service and miss the people. I keep busy now, babysitting a three-year-old neighbor boy and my five-month-old great-grandson while their



Class of 1965: (3rd row, l-r) Jerry Wilson, Jerry Eastburn, Dan DeLosh, Rich Hornung, Dale Leach, Gene Tullis; (2nd row, l-r) Karen Olson, Luana Norman VanCampen, Connie Larreau Weinman, Pat Hughes Minnig, Craig Dillon, Phyllis Konings Miller (1st row, l-r) Karry Strasburg Jensen, Lavilla Hircocock Estabrooks, James Foran, Mary Lee Thoms Johnson, Cheri Brown.

mothers work.

I'm enjoying my retirement when my children and grandchildren drop in, babysitting, baking and visiting elderly shut ins. I'm not a person who likes to travel.

I plan to attend afternoon get together and banquet.

Maxine

Sharon Blowers Decker '56
Frankfort, SD
Classmates of 1956

Can it be 50 years since high school graduation? It seems impossible, but one busy day after another the years go by.

After receiving degrees from Grace Bible Institute in Omaha and Nebraska State College in Kearney, I taught school for 33 years. I spent about half of that time in two Christian high schools and the other half as an English teacher in a public high school. My husband Duwane spent 34 years in education, primarily as an administrator.

In 1994 we moved to Duwane's home place, a farm located 28 miles north and east of Huron, South Dakota. Duwane became a full time farmer, but I continued to teach until 2000.

Duwane and his brother raise corn, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat and run about 200 head of cows. They love what they're doing and aren't ready to slow down yet.

We were blessed with two daughters. Aleda and her husband Vaughan Hagberg are missionaries with Far East Broadcasting Company. They have been in Manila, Philippines, since 1994. Their three children Rachel (15), Luke (14), and Sonya (11) attend Faith Academy, a school for missionary children. We have made five trips across the Pacific to visit the Hagbergs.

One was a trip to Saipan, their first location, and the other four have been to the Philippines. We have learned a lot about World War II in the Pacific with visits to Tinian, Corregidor, and other landmarks and memorials.

Our second daughter Clarice and her husband Andy Mugglin live in Anoka, Minnesota, so we see them more often. They also have three children, Jordan (6), Ian (4), and Gretchen (2). Clarice works as an ob/gyn physician, and her husband is involved in research at the University of Minnesota. They kindly "take us along" when they make spring trips to the Caribbean so we have been able to enjoy some of the beauty in that part of the world too.

After I retired from teaching, well-meaning friends asked me on more than one occasion, "What do you do with your time?" It's hard to know how to answer when it seems that there's never enough time for all the

things I like to do. I enjoy quilting, reading, gardening, walking, writing, playing the piano, and dabbling in family history. We still have an airplane, although we don't fly a lot. I have kept up my currency as a private pilot since 1989. That's one thing I would have never dreamed of doing in 1956.

I am thankful for God's goodness over the past 50 years. Finally, what's most important in life is a relationship with Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

I am sorry that I'll have to miss the Alumni Banquet this year. Our missionary daughter and her family are coming to the States for two months, and they will be landing in Minneapolis on May 27.

Sharon

Sharron Welty Bean '56
Arnold, NE
Arnold Alumni.

A lot has happened in the past 50 years. It doesn't really seem it has been that long ago when we walked the steps to receive our diplomas in the "old" gym. It does make me old when I think back. Our oldest daughter was in the first class to attend kindergarten in the "new" school. her 30 year reunion was last year.

Ronnie and I were married in 1956 and moved to the Bean farm south of Arnold. We have three children, Debbie Brosius, David and Darry Bean. Debbie lives

close to us, David lives by Eustis and Darry is in South Carolina. We have five grandchildren, two step grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and one step great-great-grandchild. We lost a step grandchild while he was serving in the Air Force in Italy.

We moved to town in 1968. I have sold Avon since then. Ronnie worked for the township for 27 years until he was released in 2005.

We purchased a variety store called Bean's Boutique in 1992. We both have enjoyed meeting the people and going to markets. We have made some lifetime friends from all over the country. 2006 finds us selling out the store. Our health does not allow us to do the work we used to do. (If someone out there is interested in a business, it's for sale!!)

The year 2005 was not a good year for us. Ronnie spent from June 30 through September 23 in the Callaway and Kearney hospitals. He had a heart attack and pneumonia. He is taking cardiac rehabilitation now. He has improved a lot.

As I got ready to write this letter I sat down and figured out just how long I have been Secretary-Treasurer for the Arnold Alumni. I couldn't believe it has been 21 years as Secretary-Treasurer and one year as

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food chairman. As of May 2007, I'm retiring from the job. I have missed two banquets since we graduated. I have enjoyed the job, visiting with you in person and reading your letters. It has made me feel like I personally know each and everyone that has graduated from Arnold High. Yes, I'll miss that, but with God willing it's time to move on.

Sharron

Virginia McClure Steele '56
Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates and fellow alumni,

Fifty years have gone by quickly or so it seems! Here's a short recap.

I enjoyed my years in Arnold's grade and high schools very much and count it a privilege to have been raised in Arnold by caring parents. After high school I attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and obtained a degree in Home Economics Education. Ed Steele and I were married during that time. I taught school and then worked for the chemistry department at UNL while he finished his degree in Agricultural Engineering. We then chose to move back to the Arnold area on a farm-ranch. We have lived in the same place for forty-four years and are grateful for such a great place to have raised our family of four sons. Todd, our oldest lives with us. Ben, (a hardware design engineer with Intel in Ramona, California) and his wife, Holly, have six children and expecting the seventh. J., (a construction manager of his own business in the Los Angeles area) and his wife, Cheri, have three children. Wade, (who came to live with us at age nine) is married to Tina and lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has three children. The joy of our lives are our children and GRANDchildren, and we visit them as often as possible. The center of our lives for the past forty years has been our daily relationship with God through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We are blessed and pray for God's blessing in your life.

Sincerely,

Virginia



Class of 1975: (4th row, l-r) Ranald Ferguson, David Weber, Ronnie Rimpley, Terry Mills, Lee Koubek, Dan Keyser; (3rd row, l-r) Tim Miller, Jeanne Gracey, Chris Sheets, Roger Gunther, Wayne Lamberty, Mike Gunther; (2nd row, l-r) Susan Deterding Hunter, Susan Nelson, Karen Mackley Moran, Lucinda Dennis, Rick Clouse; (1st row, l-r) Becky Higgins Tretman, Debbie Eastburn Atkins, Dry Lyn Smith Magill, Cathy Koubek Rothmeyer, Debbie Bean Brosius.

Sharon Fales Shaw '56
Hot Springs, SD
Dear Virginia,

It was a real pleasure to hear from you, although you must be an Alzheimer victim to believe that our class graduated 50 years ago! I'm sure it was only 20 or 25, wasn't it?

It will be great to see everyone again. I've been in Hot Springs, South Dakota, for 16 years (this month). Have retired three times, but keep going back.

Our band director is in army reserve and was called to Iraq at the beginning of the school year in 2003. Said she'd be back in six months. The school district asked me to sub for her until she returned. Two years later, she showed up, but I enjoyed it most of the time.

My son moved to Hot Springs shortly after I did. He remarried a few years ago and has five children of his own plus four stepchildren, so I get to attend lots of wrestling meets, basketball games, concerts, gradu-

ations, etc. I love it.

My daughter is now Major Shaw, stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona; has one 10-year-old daughter, and my other son still lives in Broken Bow.

In addition to subbing at school, I teach GED and also teach private piano and voice lessons. I get to play and sing for a variety of events, mostly church related. The latter are my favorite ones because I want to live a life of praise to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has been so patient with me!

As you may remember, we moved to Arnold six weeks before I graduated. I've "kind of" kept in touch with my graduating class at Curtis. Two years ago, they all came to Hot Springs for a class reunion. It was fun. Maybe our Arnold graduating class should do likewise. The Black Hills are so beautiful and have so much interesting history.

If you need any help at the program, I'm willing. Let

me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

His and yours,
Sharon

Delores Hickenbottom '56
North Platte, NE

Dear Alumni and Classmates:

Received a letter from classmate Virginia (McClure) Steele telling me it's been 50 years since we graduated. Got out my calculator and yes she is right. With the big celebration coming up, I thought it best to mark it on my calendar so I can plan on attending. I hope that all our classmates will be able to make it for our 50-year celebration.

What I have been doing for the past 50 years!! I graduated from Kearney State College with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1960. I taught Vocational Home Economics for nine years at Sargent and Bloomfield, Nebraska. Then in 1969, I decided I needed a career change and went into

Food Service. I worked various Food Service areas at the University of Nebraska until 1977. In the meantime, I received my Masters of Science degree in 1975 from the University of Nebraska with a major in Food and Nutrition/Institution Management. From 1977-1979, I worked as Director of Cafeteria and Catering at St. Mary's Hospital at Grand Rapids, Michigan. After a couple years there I moved on to Oklahoma State University as Food Service Manager/Production until 1982. In 1982, I was offered a good job at Kansas University Student Union in Lawrence, Kansas and stayed there until 1990. I wanted to get back to Nebraska, so I took a position as Food Service Supervisor at Lindenwood Nursing Home in Omaha until 1995. As you can see, I believed in seeing the country and I did enjoy all my adventures. What an experi-

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ence. I worked briefly for another food service job at Davis, Oklahoma, which ended up going bankrupt, so again I relocated back to Nebraska. I seem to always end up coming back to good old Nebraska! Must be the great weather we have!

Due to an illness, I had to retire the end of 1999. At that time, I relocated from Lincoln to North Platte to be closer to all my family. I am enjoying my retirement and keep myself busy by doing crafts, cooking and everything else healthy. If you are ever in North Platte, stop in for a cup of coffee/tea, as I live just north of the Coca Cola building. Look forward to seeing all of you in May.

Sincerely,
Delores

Class of 1966

Class Color: Mint Green and Silver.

Class Flower: Orchid.

Class Song: "More."

Class Motto: "Consider the past, look forward to the future."

Senior Trip: A two day trip to Omaha, where they visited Boys Town, Storz Brewery, and the World Herald.

There were 33 members in the Class of 1966, with 30 members still living.

Whatever Happened to the Class of '66?

We thought school was full of questions and tests - it seems like we are still in school - more choices, tests, questions, and tests to be answered. Some we've passed and some we've failed. We never gave a lot of thought to where we'd be in 40 years. We prayed to pass history and math tests. Now that we are a little wiser and a lot older, we know it wasn't really about the math or history, but the prayer that gets us through life.

Like the Statler Brothers song, "The Class of '57," this is the Class of '66.

We have multiplied - almost everyone has children and many have grandchildren, who have kept us busy and made life worthwhile.

And here is the Class of '66, and what they are

doing:

Ron Coursey: retired from the Army in Altoona, GA.

Connie McFarland: has a cleaning service in Kearney. Beth Simms: works in cardiology department at Kearney hospital.

Duane Larson: editor of a newspaper in Ellsworth, ME.

Debbie Purcell: runs a day-care in Miliani, HA.

Dale Auble: sells collectibles in Lincoln.

Stan Zierlein: maintains 30 miles of mountain roads in Pinedale, WY.

Wilma Bay: artist in Alliance, NE.

Allen Wall: mail carrier in Garfield, WA.

Leon May: Spanish teacher in Omaha.

Cheryl Auble: part-time chore service for HHS in Grand Island.

JoAnne Andre: English teacher in Loveland, CO.

Frances Rozmiarek: desk clerk at a Quality Inn in Fredericksburg, TX.

Connie Fales: para professional and works at H&R Block in Hastings.

Carol Joy: manages JoAnn's Fabrics in Grand Island.

Terry Walker: farmer in Gothenburg/Cozad area.

Bob Prendergast: works for Hyatt Hotels in Omaha.

Sheri Knoll: homemaker in Holtville, CA.

Bill Gunther: retired from Toyota at Torrance, CA.

Kathy Lynch: has worked 40 years at B&D at Broken Bow (started the day after graduation).

Connie Eastburn: office manager at Tickle Funeral Home in Cozad.

Linda Weinman: housewife in North Platte.

And there are those who stayed in, or returned to Arnold for the "good life":

Harvey Foran: city maintenance manager.

Allen Conner: farmer.

Rod Watson: construction.

Kent DeLosh: farmer.

Kitty Lynch: homemaker.

Bill Downing: rancher.

Gary Mills: trucking and retired as oil company owner.

Diane Dunn: massage therapist and house cleaning service.

Geraldine Andre: book-keeping service and director of Riverview Apartments, watching each other gracefully age.

And there are those who did not graduate with us, but their being part of our school years was special:

Mickie Sailor: executive director of the Oshkosh



Class of 1985: (back row, l-r) Scott Winfield, Lance Anderson, Mike McDonald, Jeff Purcell; (front, l-r) Barb Cerny Gunther, Shannon Engleman Staggs, Brenda Robinson Rosenblatt.

Housing Authority at Oshkosh.

Randy Harrison: advertising and graphic design in Kearney.

Tom Massie: cement business at Wahoo.

Judy Jensen: retired from health care at Red Cloud.

Jo Carol Wilson: dental assistant in Plano, TX.

Rita Watson: health care in California and Arnold.

Carol Tietjens: health care in Minden.

Gloria Brooks: homemaker at Bassett.

Joe Bolen: retired from Coors at Wheatland, WY.

Dale Bolen: maintenance man at Super 8.

Sandra Busch: flower business at Guthrie, OK.

Jean Miller: retired from B&D in Broken Bow at Arnold.

And in memory of Arlinda Atkins, Bob Brown, Karen Smith, and Mike Keyser.

This is "The Class of '66!"

Cheryl Auble Yada '66

Grand Island, NE

Hi, Diane,

Thank you for your call today to let me know about Mike. I stopped down to see Carol at work this afternoon so I could let her know, too.

Now, as to your request for me to e-mail information to you about the last 40 years (I just can't believe it could be that long, but it has) here it is in a nutshell.

I've been married to Quentin for 36 1/2 years and we have a daughter and son-in-law who live in Texas. After high school I went to

Rapid City, South Dakota to business school and met my future husband who was attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. I lived in Rapid City after school and for a while after being married, but then we began a bit of a gypsy life related to the work my husband was doing at the time. Over the years (besides Rapid City) we lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota twice; Pierre, South Dakota twice; Custer, South Dakota; Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; Hastings, Nebraska; Columbus, Nebraska twice; LaGrange, Georgia, and for the last 10+ years we have lived in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Carol (Joy) Wing lives in Grand Island also and we are able to get together for lunch and a visit when her schedule allows.

I enjoyed attending the last two ten-year reunions but won't be able to be there this year, so I'll just send best wishes to the Class of 66.

Diane, I hope my note will help keep you in Darlene's good graces. Maybe we can keep in touch from time to time now that we've shared e-mail addresses.

Take care, Cheryl

Allen Wall '66

Garfield, WA

Dear Arnold Alumni,

Since I will be unable to attend the 40th reunion of the Class of 1966 I am sending this letter so everyone knows what I've been doing

for the last 40 years. Wow! Sounds monumental. This better be good huh?

At the present I am living with my wife, Jan, of 32 years, and our son David (14) in Garfield, Washington. Contemplating retirement and getting our son through school takes up a lot of our time. Otherwise, I keep busy working for the US Postal Service as a city carrier in Colfax, Washington, which I have done for almost 18 years. Any spare time I have is taken up by my hobbies which include playing the banjo, and building and repairing stringed instruments. At present I have built one dulcimer, one mandolin, two banjos, and two guitars, one of which I built for my son, Ben. My wife, Jan, works for the State of Idaho as a library consultant. This involves a lot of traveling, which she enjoys most of the time.

We have three other kids not living at home. Seth (31) lives in Parker, Colorado with his wife, Susan, and three children: Jared (4) Brendon (2) and Amy (4 months). Both Seth and Susan work for Lockheed/Martin. When Seth and Susan were first married they were in the US Army stationed in England which gave us the opportunity to visit them three times, which we enjoyed very much. Ben (27) lives in Seattle Washington. He works in construction

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Jan and I met while we were both working in a junk mail factory called Neo-data in Boulder, Colorado. We moved to Idaho shortly after our first son Seth was born. I had applied for school at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. I soon found out that me and studying did not go hand in hand and I moved on to other things. Jan began her library career working at a small library in Potlatch, Idaho, and things have really branched out for her (pun intended).

After graduating from AHS, I signed up for the US army in 1967. Basic training in Ft. Lewis, Washington; AIT in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland; then off to Vietnam for a year of driving a forklift and repairing trucks. After coming back stateside, I still had 18 months I owed Uncle Sam

so I was shipped to Ft. Hood, Texas. In the army's infinite wisdom, I was made a clerk typist and jeep driver; otherwise I might not have been able to type this letter.

Anyway we really enjoy living in this part of the country, and with two universities close, we have some diverse opportunities available, plus living in a small agricultural community is a nice place to raise a family.

This is just a small capsule of events, but I hope people enjoy reading it. Sorry we couldn't be there this year. All my best to my classmates of 1966.

Sincerely,

Allen

Rita Watson Workman '66

Cathedral City, CA

Dear Darlene:

Hope this gets to you in time for the alumni paper.

My husband, Rod, and I bought Dad's house and plan to live in Arnold every summer. It's so beautiful and there's so much going on. I work in North Platte at the hospital and in Callaway at the nursing home. In the winter we're in the Palm Springs, California, area and I work at Eisenhower Med Center. We love both places and we have kids in Colorado, Illinois and



Class of 1995: (3rd row, l-r) Travis Brohman, Todd Winder, Marie DeLosh, Clark McConnell, Scott Crow; (2nd row, l-r) Chris Hough, Roger Andre, Cory Peterson, Jason Steele, Jon Christensen; (1st row, l-r) Travi Geiser Franzen, Natalie Coleman Cool, Jenna Brosius Matthies.

California so it works great. Our kids are grown and the grandkids are almost all grown but so much fun.

We're thinking of having the Class of '66's 40th reunion at our house with Allen and Diane Conner and Gary and Margaret Mills helping. That is, unless someone else has plans.

We're looking forward to Alumni as usual.

Rita Workman

Connie Fales Spencer '66

Hastings, NE

What have I been doing for the past forty years? Well, the time has sure gone fast!

In 1970, I graduated from the old "Kearney State" with a degree in elementary education. I have stayed very close to elementary education over the last forty years. I taught grade school for six years while my husband finished his music degree. We have been married since 1971. During that time we lived at Loup City, Scotia, and Hastings, Nebraska. We also lived in Mitchell, South Dakota, for five years in the early 1980's.

I stopped teaching school full time when my daughter, Samantha, was born in 1975. My son, Nathan, was born in 1978.

For the past 20+ years we have lived in Hastings,

where my husband, Dan, has worked in a family business that sells irrigation equipment and Generac standby power systems.

I have been a special education and school aide for the past 17 years at Juniata, Nebraska. Also I do taxes part time during the tax season. Also during the summer my daughter, Samantha, and I manage a fireworks tent on the mall parking lot in Hastings. My first year, I called it "eight days of hell," but it has gotten a little easier over the last five years.

My daughter, Samantha, is a registered nurse at Bryan East in Lincoln. My son, Nathan, has worked in the optics and gun department at Scheel's Sports in Lincoln since it opened in 2000.

Nathan has a son, Devon, who is seven years old. He lives in Hastings with his mother and goes to school with me in Juniata. It is great to be around him everyday and we spend a lot of time together.

I am looking forward to the reunion.

Connie

Class of 1976

Class Colors: Red, White and Blue.

Class Flower: Red Rose.

Class Song: "Close Your Eyes and Think of Me."

Class Motto: "We'll honor the past and challenge the future."

There were 50 members in the Class of 1976 and all are still living.

The 1976 annual was titled The Cardinal Spirit of '76, and the dedication page read: "To the Spirit of America, those who died to preserve our nation's virtues, and those dedicated to the purpose of keeping America the 'Land of the

Free and the Home of the Brave."

Paula Holman

Wesseling '76

Fairfax, VA

This is the first time, I believe, that I've written to the Arnold Alumni Committee about my life since graduating from Arnold High School in 1976.

For those of you that don't know anything about my life since then, this is for you....

Right after graduation in June of 1976, Eiko Ando went back to Japan, and I left a few weeks after that

for my year abroad as a foreign exchange student in Germany. I lived with a wonderful Christian family in Kiel, West Germany (at that time). I had two host brothers and two host sisters, one of each younger than I. My host father was an Evangelical pastor. I had a great year there and attended a very tough school six days a week! Yes, I had the worst class of all, math, on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Ugh! After returning to the States, I entered college in Kearney, graduating with a German Translation degree and Spanish minor in 1982. I joined the Army as an Enlisted soldier right after that and came out of basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC as an E-3. Almost a year later, I graduated from Ft. Huachuca, AZ Military Intelligence Analyst Course and took up my first duty station at Ft. Benning, GA, where I met my husband, Michael Wesseling, who is from Chamberlain, SD. We were married a year and a half later in my hometown church, Arnold Baptist. In April of 1985 I left for a three-year tour in West Berlin, West Germany at the USMLM (United States

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Military Liaison Mission). (My husband joined me nine months later after a medical discharge from the army). This was a very bad time of the year as one of their officers had just been killed by a Soviet Sentry, shot and left to bleed to death as his driver watched. For the next three years there was sorrow and memorial services for Major Nicholson. That opened my eyes to the world as I never knew existed. It was real-time life and death every night, as East Germans tried to escape over the wall into the West. During that time my oldest, Patrisha, was born in the US Army hospital in 1987. She never knew anything about her young life there until the summer of 2004, when we took our two children (yes we had a son 2 1/2 years later in Washington, DC at Walter Reed Army Medical Center) to Germany to celebrate our 20th anniversary and to visit my host family and to return to Berlin as it now is, the capital once again of Germany.

We still live in Northern Virginia where our son, Kristian, is a junior at Fairfax High School and Trisha is a 2nd semester student at George Mason University in Fairfax studying Music Ed. She is following in her aunt Pam's footsteps and her mother's in being a music teacher, although I teach piano, Trisha will be a choral teacher. She is a beautiful singer and loves to work with children. Kristian is very much his father's son, all into fast cars, engines, and design. He will be an engineer one day.

We are very active in our church, Fairfax Baptist, where Kristian is a young member of the board of administration and Trisha was the youth group rep to the board of ed (BOE) for many years. I just came off the BOE and am back on the board of deacons once again. I am also the assistant pianist for the church, play the keyboard during the church service and also sing tenor in the choir. I started out years ago in 1993 when we moved to Fairfax as an alto, then moved to the tenor section for too many years, as they desperately

needed a tenor, then moved to the alto section. Two weeks later the director asked me to sing soprano, as he needed a strong entrance leader. But then one of our tenors died and guess what, I'm back there again. Don't think I'll get out of the tenor section any time soon!

My husband works in the maintenance shop for the Metropolitan Airports Authority at Dulles Airport outside Washington, DC. He keeps all the transport lounges in operation. He is also a regional sales rep for a company called Safety Vac. They make machines that vacuum up hazardous waste materials, oil spills, and anything else that may seep into the water supply and sewers.

I am the team leader for an in-house unit of a government contracting company called OMNIPLEX. We process security clearances and conduct the interviews for several government agencies.

Paul Halouska '76 Arnold, NE

Hi Darlene,

To put thirty years in a few paragraphs, I better get started.

In September 1976, I began a four year tour in the Air Force, serving in Colorado, Florida, Korea and the Philippines.

August, 1980, I returned to Arnold to begin farming with a focus on cattle production. In 1992 I added owner-operator to the truck driving resume. The price of independence seemed to be nose to the grindstone day and night to keep things going in the right direction.

After a few years of that, I had the opportunity to go to work for a gravel redi mix company. This is my tenth season hauling gravel. They pay me for what I enjoy doing. How can you beat that?

On the personal side, divorced; two children, Kayla, 14, and Ryan, 10, are still in the area so I see them on a regular basis.

They are the fifth generation to live and work on the family homestead. I see that as an honor.

The best thing that happened through the years was hearing and believing what Jesus Christ said in John: 14-6, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." I'm thankful for the way that

has influenced my life. I know how I handled situations in life before that. I look forward to seeing as many as possible in May. Sincerely, Paul

Bob Jensen '76 Central City, NE

Hello Alumni:
Hard to believe it's been 30 years since we graduated. Like most of you, hardly anything of significance has taken place in my life, or that of my family.

Good talking with you. . . Oh, that's not the case for me, nor any of you.

My wife Penni and I have two children, including our son Matthew and daughter Jessie. Matthew is a senior at Central City (NE) High School and figures (gulp) to graduate in May. He is interested in a career in agriculture and has worked on a local farm since he was 10 years old. We're real proud of him - he's already learned how to take an hour to drink his coffee at the elevator.

Jessie is an 8th grader and is our family jock, taking after the old man. (Insert your joke here). She loves sports, especially basketball, and she loves to talk. She's also an overachiever - for instance, last year she made the all-cell phone team. Parents, you know what I mean. . .

Penni and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary last summer, and I am happy to note she says it's been three of the happiest years of her life, so I got that going for me.

After working several jobs in sports reporting early in my career, I and Penni have published the Central City newspaper, The Republican-Nonpareil, since 1989. We also do some other publishing, including a high school sports magazine, Huskerland Prep Report, which next fall enters its 17th year.

One of the highlights of my life to this point was getting to serve as master of ceremonies for the 1995 AHS alumni banquet - thank you to Melanie (Peters) Chesley, Class of '77, for asking. It was one of the great honors, the highest you can receive as an alumni, and a night I cherish. (It was a night of horrific memories, flashing back to the days when Mr. Story roamed the halls, seemingly always looking for ME. And for no good reason, of course. Of

course. . .)

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We look very much forward to seeing our classmates and other alumni at our reunion.

Bob



"It was a good meal, let's just relax." Janet Olson '54 and Charles Blowers '47.



All the way from Louisiana: Roger '57 and Sulin Harter Best '60.

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Bob

Phil Lucas '76 Arnold, NE

I know Melody said to have this in by the 15th of March, but of course, I am slow.

I have always lived in the Arnold area. I worked for Beshaler Sand and Gravel for 20 years, and left that job to go trucking for Blaine Hagler Trucking. Getting to see different cities has been real exciting, and challen-

ing, at times.

I have a son, Joseph, 22, by my first marriage, and he is in college in Lincoln. Kendra and I have two children: Julie, 19, attending North Platte Mid-Plains College taking technology classes, and Adam, a freshman at Arnold High.

We bought the former Frank Koubek house just south of the water tower, where we live.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Phil

Class of 1986

Class Colors: Maroon and Silver.
Class Flower: White Rose.
Class Song: "In the Air Tonight."

Class Motto: "Whenever you dream, you're holding the key that opens the door to let you be free."

There were 20 members in the Class of 1986, and all are still living.

Thanks to AHS Alumni News editor Darlene Rimpley for all her hard work!

Class of 1996

Class Colors: Royal Purple, Black, and Whisper Silver.
Class Flower: Purple Orchid.

Class Song: "Yesterday" by Guns & Roses.

Class Motto: "Are you in line or do you lead? Do you set the limits or do you break them? Do you play the game or do you make the rules? We make the rules!"

There were 21 graduates of the Class of 1996, with all still living.

Amy Conner Trinidad '96 Castle Rock, CO

Class of 1996,

It's truly amazing how time flies. Just 10 years ago, we, as a group, were getting ready for the "biggest" day of our lives - high school graduation. As the years have passed, each of us have had other "big" days in our lives whether it be our first job, graduating from college, getting married or having kids. And although we have all traveled different paths, I am excited that we will soon be meeting back in Arnold as a group once again.

After graduation, my journey began in Kearney where I attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. And although I had many great times in college and met a lot of great people, I moved to Denver, Colorado, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in marketing.

Moving to Colorado was a huge step in my life, but I'm glad I took it.

I took a job at the University of Phoenix (UOP), a college for working adults, as a marketing assistant. This was my first out-of-college job in which I learned a great deal about the working world and its politics. While working there, I was fortunate enough to earn a master's degree in business administration.

After three years at UOP, I decided it was time for a change. Through a colleague at the college, I was informed of a writing/traveling/design position at the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI). Now I know you are all a little shocked about this, but yes, I, of all people in our class, am employed by a national livestock trade association.

More doors have opened at ASI, and I am now the editor

and production coordinator of *Sheep Industry News*, our monthly tabloid.

Not only have I had good fortunes in my professional life, but also in my personal life. I married Andrey Trinidad on May 28, 2005, in Winter Park, Colo. Yes, we will be spending our first wedding anniversary in Arnold sharing it with all of you. Actually, I don't think there is a place that Andrey would rather be, as he loves spending time there. We now reside, with our two dogs, in Castle Rock, Colo., a town just south of Denver.

I hope each of you have enjoyed the past 10 years of your life as I have and I am looking forward to catching up with the Class of 1996.

Amy

Brandy Pierce Mason '96 Callaway, NE

Dear Alumni,

I can't believe 10 years have gone by already! I didn't go far after graduation. I married Justin Mason, and we have two sons, Jacob, 9, and Carson, 3. We lived in Callaway for a year and then moved to Arnold where we lived until 3 1/2 years ago, then back to Callaway. We bought 16 acres from Justin's folks and have been remodeling and adding onto his grandparents old farm house. We love living in the country and wouldn't trade where we live for anything.

I've been working at the cafe in town for most of the ten years and the cafe in Arnold. I work part time and the rest of my time is spent chasing kids. I can't wait to see everyone at the reunion.

Brandy

Joe Bob Atkins '96 Arnold, NE

After graduation I attended the University of Nebraska for the next 4 years. During that time I worked as a commercial drywall. I continued this work for 1 1/2 years after college.

In 2001 I started work as an insurance agent for Farm Bureau of Nebraska. I worked their for eight months before I moved back home to Arnold and purchased ARNOLD INSURANCE AGENCY from Wade & Shelley Preston. I continue today to run the agency.

As for my personnel life, it has been a lot more exciting. In 1999 I was fortunate

Honored Class Memorial

*Life is but a vapor
That passes before our eyes;
To our friends and classmates
Who have bid us their good-byes:
We miss you and hold your
memory dear.*

CLASS OF 1916

Warren Alexander
Leona Backes
Ruth Cleveland
Bess Imboden
Ruth Knox Stough
Lola McGuire Grasshart
Frank Mylar
Hazel Wood Ingwerson
Nellie Zierlein Ellis

CLASS OF 1926

Ray Atkins
Lola Bailey Wolverton
Gladys Bowers
Elva Brown Fox
Frances Bryan Rimpley
Mary Davis Wemple
Thora Hays Grassman
Goldie Huffman Bertan
Mildred Imboden Baker
Agnes Johnson
Rosentrater
Ruth Johnson Anderson
Francis Maxson

Inez McDowell Sutton
Una McGuire Foster
Vera Parsons Rasmusson
Nolan Pearce
Laura Pinkston Showeld
Eileen Ricker Willis
Eloise Ricker Brown
Opal Rutner Deering
Evelyn Sell Zierlein
Mable Smith Anderson
Carl Vogel
Ruby Widholm Nelson
Ruby Wood

CLASS OF 1936

Victor Auble
Fern Brittan Cornell
Robert Brittan
Robert Brown
Thomas Christensen
Mary Virginia Clinebell
Brandt
Robert Clizbe
Elnora DeLosh Clizbe
Olivia Fitzgerald
Huckaby
George Halstead
Alice Holden Tullis
Floyd Kilmer
Lloyd Lehmkuhler

Frieda Lewis Sutton
Lois Main Cope
Helen McMurry
Bernice Naud Wilson
Veneta Peterson
Ackerman
Ena Pinkston Maroney
Cora Spratt Radcliffe

CLASS OF 1946

Bernard Dennis
Delores Faherty Wood
Dorothy Geiser Tomsen
Stanley Giles
Vernon Kolbo
Dean Myers
Robert Myers
Lavern Rosentrater
Eleanor Taylor Shank
Tim Turley

CLASS OF 1956

Dennis Geiser
Keith Hagler
Ronnie Morrison
Ira (Bub) Olson

CLASS OF 1966

Bob Brown
Mike Keyser
Karen Smith McCann

enough to marry my wife, Randi Cozad. We have lived in Kearney, McCook, and Arnold currently. We are blessed with three healthy children, Avery Jo, 6; Cooper Bradley, 3; and Macy Ryan, 1/4. We enjoy buying homes and remodeling, then moving directly after, at least I do!

I look forward to seeing all the friends and enjoying the weekend with them.

Joe Bob

Leslie Smith '96 Omaha, NE

I guess when you graduate the last thought on your mind is, what am I going to write about in ten years? However, now that the time has come. I am realizing just how difficult a task this actually is. When asking some of my relatives what exactly I should write, I seemed to get a variety of answers. My cousin Dru said, "keep it humorous"; my dad, Craig, said, "short and to the point." So somehow I will attempt to combine those two suggestions!

After graduating I decided to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and major in Speech-Language Pathology. I'm not sure any freshman student thinks too much about their major as the road ahead seems long and endless; however, by my junior year I was sure that this was the path I was to take. After graduating in

2000, I continued on at UNL and received my master of science in Speech-Language Pathology in August of 2002. Upon graduation, I started my first and current job for Omaha Public Schools working at Lewis & Clark Middle School, Creighton Prep High School and Brownell-Talbot. Life is always interesting with the middle school students, and trust me, I have more than one story that would make you wonder why anyone in their right mind works in a middle school. I have specialized the past four years working with students that are deaf, so a skill that I have picked up has been

communication using sign language. It has been fun to learn and use this new language, and I enjoy working with these students, both during the school year and in the summer.

Other than work, I also enjoy being involved in many activities that seem to keep my life busy! I enjoy playing the piano for church, bible study, hanging out with friends, playing in a weekly basketball league (can't quite give that up) and visiting family often. I am especially happy to now have a new niece, Madison, to watch grow up, and of course spoil!

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The faithful custodian, Maurice Andre, and wife Mary Anderson Andre '60.

Class of 1996

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Well, that's my life the past ten years, at least the very condensed version. I'm looking forward to Alumni 2006 and catching up with old friends and classmates. See you soon!
Leslie

Mindy Strasburg McConnell '96 Olathe, KS

Dear Classmates,
It's hard to believe it has been 10 years since graduating and even harder to believe all that has happened since then. After attending UNK, I married Clark (McConnell, '95) and we lived in Colorado for 4 1/2 years. During that time we had our daughter, Tristen, in January of 2001. We decided to move back to Kearney in the fall of 2003 and lived there until May of 2005. In June of last year we moved to Olathe, Kansas, where Clark works as the manager of a siding company. Also, we decided to expand our family and had our son, Reed, in July 2005. It was a little trying moving only a month before having him.

I am staying home with the kids right now and loving it. We have been really happy with the move to Kansas and the friends we have made - even if it is a little further from home.

I hope everyone is doing well and can't wait to see you in May.

Sincerely yours,

Nichol Peterson '96 Austin, TX

I cannot believe it's already been 10 years and I also cannot believe I am writing something for this. Amy Trinidad, aka Amy Conner, just wouldn't let me forget.

Other than moving from Nebraska to Texas, nothing much has changed in my life these past few years. I've enjoyed my time in Texas but am hoping to head back to the Midwest one of these days.

I've been working at a law firm as a paralegal for six years now. Maybe not the most exciting profession, but it pays the bills. Luckily, I haven't lifted a paint brush since I left Arnold, which I see as a pretty big accomplishment. So far, not married (again) and no kids, but I am the proud owner of a

little Yorkie named Reggie. She's a brat, but is so cute you can't help but love her. Well, that pretty much sums it up. Can't wait to catch up with you all. See you soon.
Nichol

Robb Sheets '96

North Platte, NE

After graduating in May of 1996, I attended the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis for one year. I was then chosen for an internship with Nebraska Machinery in North Platte and transferred to Hastings Community College to finish my education in Diesel Technology. I started working full-time with Nebraska Machinery in October of 1998 as a heavy equipment mechanic. On April 1, 2000, I married Beth Proskocil in Taylor, Nebraska. It was a small family wedding as my wife's grandmother was very ill.

Once Beth graduated from UNK, we made our home in North Platte. In October of 2000, my wife and I renewed our wedding vows in Ord, Nebraska. In March of 2003 we made a big investment and purchased a house in North Platte, which we are still living in. My biggest accomplishment over the past 10 years occurred on January 24, 2006, with the birth of my first child, a son, Brody Michael. I am currently still employed with Nebraska Machinery as a Field Service Mechanic.
Robb

Letters

Margaret Steburg Powers '37

Dear Darlene:

Would like to be there for the banquet this year (especially since it is an honor year for my good friend Marion Koefoot), but am not too sure right now. Will be in California until the middle of April and don't know how I will feel about making another long trip that soon.

Was fortunate in getting a rental unit at Welk's again this year, and love the sunshine and warm days, especially following the snow, ice and cold weather in Spokane. Am again volunteering at the police department while I am here and enjoy that a lot. Since I spent 16 years there, it is like old home week.

You probably know that

my brother, Len, (Class of '35) passed away last May. After going to Denver every few months for the past 7 1/2 years, I really miss seeing him and talking to him by phone every few days. Attending the banquets was always a highlight of the year for him.

All of you who keep the Alumni Association going and work so hard on the annual banquets deserve the heartfelt thanks of all of us Arnold graduates....you do an amazing job. Thank you!

Hard for me to believe that next year will be my 70th... Hopefully I will make it back to Arnold for that.

Although I don't pay dues any longer, I'm enclosing a contribution for Len and me.

Margaret

Ardelle Dillon Sheets '47 Loveland, CO

Dear Sharron,

Dave and I hope to attend alumni this year. We missed in '05 because our youngest granddaughter graduated here in Loveland that same day. And next year in 2007, will be my 60th.

Thank you for all the work done by local alumni to make attending such a joyous occasion.

Always,
Ardelle

Dorothy Brower Gill '49 Spring Valley, CA

Hi Sharron & Alumni Assn.,
Sorry I cannot attend the banquet this year.

We are doing O.K. except for some sickness this past year.

Would love to see you all - maybe next year.

I graduated as Dorothy Brower in 1949. I married Norris Gill the same year.

Know this years banquet will be great!

Sincerely,
Dorothy

Margie Thompson Ruder '51

Kearney, NE
Dear Alumni,

Greetings to all, and especially the class of 1951. Reality finally hit me that it has been 55 years since we walked across the stage to receive our long awaited diplomas.

It will be five years this May that I have been retired when they closed the green stamp redemption store. I worked for Sperry & Hutchinson 21 1/2 years.

Since we are getting older



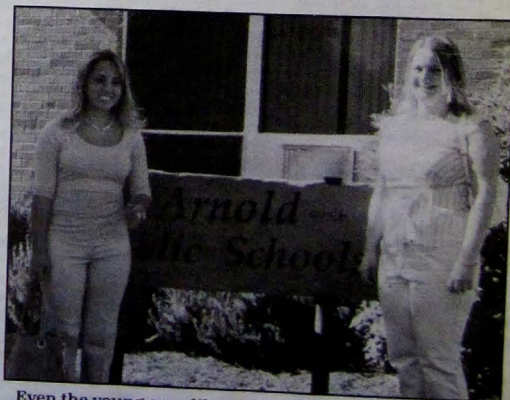
Morris '43 and Ploma Weinman Geiser '45 take a moment for a picture outside the school.

(in age only), I was wondering if there are any of our classmates who are planning to attend the banquet, and if so, maybe we could get together ahead of time. I have talked to Pat Corbin Gale, Lois Wiley Baker and Wendell Smith and a note from Melvin Brower.

My family are all fine and busy. My girls are in Nebraska and some of the grandchildren and great-grandsons. My son passed away in December 2002 from a massive heart attack, but am thankful he didn't suffer.

I still do volunteer work at the hospital delivering mail to patients. Hope everyone is enjoying retirement and good health. Hope to see some at the banquet.

Margie



Even the young ones like Alumni! Gretchen Mills and Lisa Beans, both 2004 grads.

Jeanette Hays Keller '53 Valentine, NE

Dear Alumni,

I know this isn't my honored year, but I do have news. My sister-in-law, Arleta-Meads-Keller, died January 23, 2006. She was in the Class of '32.

It is March and we are starting to have calves.

I hope you have a good turn-out for Alumni. I do plan to be there.

Jeanette

Bob Corbin '54 Finksburg, MD

Dear Sharron,

My wife and I will be coming to the banquet this year (I graduated in 1954 so it's not my year). We'll miss visiting your shoppe.

Bob Corbin

Letters

Russ Dillon '59 Billings, MT

Dear Darlene,

We are having another warm and windy day here in Billings, and it's been much the same all winter. We had snow and really cold weather the first week of December, and that's been it, thus far.

I'm approaching my third anniversary for "retirement," having done so in May 2003 after my wife, Mary Ellen, had to be placed in an assisted living home after suffering for several years from the onset of early Alzheimers Disease and my company feared the blow to their health insurance premiums. (Of that, I'm certain!) I've been kept busy with visiting her as much as I can, occasionally driving pilot vehicles for large loads into Canada and helping close friends on a large ranch partnership in the Missouri Breaks, when time permits. (Either those horses are getting more rough riding or I'm finally getting older, and they have no ATV's on the place!)

I plan on being in Arnold for the Alumni and am hoping there will be several of the Class of 1959 attending. I deeply appreciate all that you hard-working people do to make this a memorable and most enjoyable annual event.

See you in May!
Russ

Leonard Bolen '62 Colusa, CA

Sharron,

Thanks for being a faithful secretary for so many years. People like you make this country a great place to live in.

I will not be attending the banquet this year, but always look forward to the annual newsletter.

Looking forward to making the 2012 banquet, which will mark the 50th year since our class graduated in 1962.

Thanks again,
Leonard

Karolyn Lynch Duponcheel '63 Ainsworth, NE

Dear Sharron,

Received your postcard today, so I'm enclosing a check back to you on the return mail.

The \$20 should cover the

five years. We are moving back to Arnold this summer, so next year I will try to attend.

Sincerely Karolyn

Duane Humphrey Teacher '63 - '64 Fremont, NE

Dear Diane,

Thank you so much for your letter. I really appreciated hearing from you. I, too, cannot believe it has been 10 years since our last contact. I especially appreciated hearing about some of the teachers that were there in 1964. I have lost contact with them. I was aware that Virgil Meyers had died. He was a particular favorite of mine and helped me a lot as a beginning teacher.

Just a little about me and my family. My wife and I both retired from the Fremont Public Schools in 1999. We are now volunteering in the Fremont community and traveling around the country visiting our kids. Our older daughter lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and both she and her husband are math teachers at the college level. Our son and wife live in Washington DC, and are patent reviewers in the US Patent office. Our younger daughter and her husband and our only grandson (16 months old) live in Boulder, Colorado.

When not traveling, I still teach math classes at Metropolitan Community College and Midland College on a part time basis. Even though I taught only one year in Arnold (I left to get married and travel for a year in Europe), I have always had very fond memories of the school and the community.

As far as the reunion on May 27th, my wife and I would love to come, however my high school reunion in Atkinson, Nebraska is also that weekend. Perhaps we can make the next one.

Again, thank you for your letter. I will enclose a picture of my family (taken at my son's wedding last July) although I doubt anyone will recognize me. I am the senior citizen on the far left.

Sincerely,
Duane

Margaret Sauter Buckendorf '32 Lincoln, NE

Dear Sharron,

Please change my address so I will be sure and receive *The Alumni News* in April. Louis and I moved to the



Working hard! Norma Walker '82, Marshia Simpson Grant '80, Megan Strasburg '03, and Trudy Smith Van Camp '73. In the background is Melody Larreau Jennings '76, who was in charge of the '05 banquet, and husband Irv

Brentwood Estates, a retirement home in Lincoln, last summer.
Sincerely, Margaret

Out-of-State Alumni Registry

The following out of state guests signed the registry at the 2005 reunion:

CALIFORNIA

Robert McMahon, Anaheim; Bill and Pat Cole Smith, Murietta; Ivan and Barbara Scott Garrett, Redondo Beach; Tom and Arlene Johnson Eastburn, Temecula; Joe Giels, Nevada City; Scott and Melissa Crow, Hayward; Betty Halstead Yeargain, Buena Park; Roger Gunther, Fallbrook.

COLORADO

Harold and Barbara McMahon Westman, Denver; Chris Sheets, Castle Rock; Larry Hughes, Fruita; Harold Halouska, Aurora; Sharon Bailey, Mead; Jerry Fitzgerald Miller, Greeley; Adam and Danelle Gibson Crow, Denver; Bill Henman, Loveland; Bob and Donna Watson, Holyoke; Arch Dailey, Aurora; John Hardin, Castle Rock.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Dee and Marilyn Best Scott, Rapid City.

FLORIDA

Don and Dorothy Shreve, Naples.

ARIZONA

Jeanne Gracey, Phoenix.

TENNESSEE

Lavilla Hircok

Estabrooks, Memphis.

WYOMING

Diane Olson Rodekoher, Cheyenne; La Clede Mills Morris, Cheyenne; Sharon Overton Mishke, Cheyenne; Craig Dillon, Sheridan; Phyllis Konings Miller, Casper; Sharon Dailey Wheelock, Sheridan.

TEXAS

Larry and Darlene Yarrington, LaCoste; Lila Blixt Kitch, Amarillo; Kathleen Spargo Sanders, Weslaco; Jerry and Jo Spargo Keyser, Donna.

MINNESOTA

Rick Clouse, Willmar; Lloyd and Jean Nelson Beltz, Bloomington.

ARKANSAS

Cathy Koubek Rothmeyer, Elm Spring.

WASHINGTON

Clark Lewis, Enumclaw; Harold and Carol Vogel Birkey, Steilacoom.

IOWA

Besse Fisher Headley, Correctionville; David and

Jill Steele, Waterloo; Jim Hughes, Waterloo; Linda Best Baker, Ankeny.

KANSAS

George Hardin, Wichita; Darry and Delores Weber, Edwardsville; Jeff and Susan Deterding Hunter, Chapman.

MISSOURI

Leon and Elaine Blixt, Belton; Jim Foran, Jefferson City.

LOUISIANA

Roger and Sulin Harter Best, Alexandria.

GEORGIA

Marilyn Sheets Roswell, Cleveland.

MONTANA

Russ Dillon, Billings.

VIRGINIA

Pat Hughes Minnig, Herndon.

ILLINOIS

Jerry Eastburn, Springfield; Jeff Purcell, Carpentersville.

NEW MEXICO

Don and Veneita Pearson, Farmington.



Passing the time of day. Duane Romans '58 and Harold Halouska '56.

Class of 1936

Barbara Ricker
concerning
Jim Ricker, '56

Dear Ms. Rimpley:

Your February 13, 2006, notice to the Class of 1936 regarding the upcoming class reunion was received by me just a few days ago. It had been forwarded from Billings, Montana, by one of Jim's nephews, James L. Ricker (youngest son of Lynn Ricker), who lives in Billings.

Jim was looking so forward to the class reunion this coming May and talked about it quite a bit in the last year. He enjoyed his last visit with his classmates several years ago in Arnold and was anxious to visit with them again, and visit the old Ricker homestead one more time.

Unfortunately, Jim passed away on 10 March 2006 after a long illness. He was at peace in our home, with those he loved so deeply right by his side, holding his hands and gently talking with him as he started his last journey. He kept referring to this journey, as "finally getting to meet the BIG BOSS upstairs."

He had polycystic kidney disease which troubled him for many years and finally got more serious about four years ago. He was not a candidate for a transplant, and after much consideration and prayer, made the decision NOT to have dialysis. This decision was made in October of 2005, and his health deteriorated quite rapidly. Fortunately, he was not in a great deal of pain, but was quite frustrated with the lack of control that he could assert over the entire ordeal. For those who knew Jim well, they will understand that he had been in charge of so many projects all over the world during his lifetime of work, that he could not understand why he wasn't in "control" when he really wanted to be!

The many stories he told over the years indicated that he was a happy child, a happy teenager, and a happy man. He loved all of his family with a passion, and he never ran out of stories about the love he had for his mother, Lillie Belle Whaley Ricker. His stories of school days either made us laugh, or sometimes cry. He took the good with the bad,

and literally lived his life with a zest few of us have. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, and friend and will be missed by all who knew him.

Messages from around the world have reached us with wonderful memories of his kindness to all, and the opportunities he brought to so many. He was a "father" to hundreds of young people around the world, and he touched their lives forever. He will live forever in the hearts of so many. We were all so fortunate to be part of his life, and it was such an honor to be part of the Ricker family.

He would ask that you "have a drink, smile your best smile, and don't look back." His smile would brighten in his circle of classmates, and he would enjoy each and every hug from those lovely ladies in his class! Jim told us all, over and over again, "...no slow walkin' or sad music for me, live each day to the fullest and find the sunshine not the dark clouds."

As those who knew him well, his classmates will know how proud he was to be a fighter pilot during the "Big War" (WWII), and his last wishes were to fly the heavens with no limits or boundaries - and we are sure that God granted that wish. FLY HIGH, PAPA, FLY HIGH!!

My best regards to those of his classmates who are able to attend this important reunion, and to those in Arnold who remember him and his family. He is there in spirit!

Barbara Ricker

Thank You for Your Donations

We want to say thank you to several people who have sent specific donations to the Alumni Association.

Mary Elenor Mudd, Class of 1930, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Margaret Steburg Powers, 1937, of Spokane, Washington, although neither has to pay dues anymore, sent donations to help the Alumni cause.

Margaret's donation was also in memory of her brother, Leonard Steburg, '35, who passed away in May 2005. Both ladies mentioned that they have fond memories of Arnold High.

Thank you, ladies, for your gift.

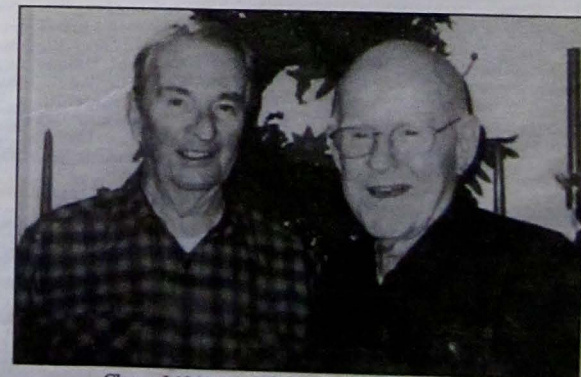
Familiar Faces...



"Now, Jim, you listen to me!" Margaret McCarthy '44 and Jim Eastburn, '41.



All smiles - and why not? "We're at Alumni!" Arlene Johnson '51 and Tom Eastburn '49.



Class of 1940: Basil Wehrman and Clark Lewis.

"Who's Who" in Farming and Ranching

Farming and ranching - the heartbeat and lifeblood of the Arnold area. The men and women who choose to spend their lives following these occupations - also choose the life of "never knowing" what a year will bring. They depend on Mother Nature, the market, the government, prices - you name it, and they face the uncertainties that go with the job. And most of them would choose no other.

Many of the Arnold alumni chose to stay in the area to farm or ranch, raising their families, sending them to the Arnold schools and supporting the town, some following in a father's footsteps, following their love of the land, either by owning, or by working for a farmer or rancher.

We want to recognize those people in this article. First, let it be said that, undoubtedly, we will miss some names, and we want to apologize for that. We will not list the year of graduation (use your directory for that information); we will only list alumni, so sometimes a husband or wife will not be named (but we know this is a partnership); and there is no way that we can tell you exactly where they live (just the direction that they might leave the main street of Arnold to head home) (grin). Some of the people listed might live in town or in another area, but work in the direction listed.

Some of them have land in several different areas. Some are retired, but they spent their lives in this work, so they will be listed.

With the consolidation of country schools into the Arnold School District, we lost the identity of many communities that we older generation knew as we were growing up: Pleasant Hill, Loyal, Cedar Grove, Cross Roads, Lower Powell, Upper Powell, Prairie View and Eureka Valley - those are just a few. The three that come to mind that we still identify as "a special area" are Mills Valley, Tallin, and Garfield.

So for this story we will just use north, northeast, west, etc.

Let's head north of town. First off would be Dwaine and Caro Lehnkuhler, and then we have to go on into sandhills country, where we find Kent DeLosh land, Roger Peterson, Lynn Hall, Fern (Schroeder) Hall, Bill and Connie (Halsstead) Downing, and off northeast is Virgil Hoskins and Gordon Hoskins. (Doesn't sound like many, but remember this is "big country.") In the northwest area we find Don Mills, Bill Watkins, Bob and Mona (Sargent) Crow, Gary and Jo (Johnson) Crow, Max Smith, Lindy Smith, Joey Smith, Bob and Betty (Pinkston)

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"We're happy, happy, happy!" Cammy Deterding Amen '69, and Linda Best Baker '68.



A faithful alumnae and her husband, Ray and Winifred Shaw Pandorf '39.

Thanks to all our great volunteers!



"Are your dues paid?" Darlene Hagler Rimpley '52, and Pat Deterding Crow '53, who wouldn't let you in until they checked you out.



"Now that was funny!" Ivan Garrett, Bob Crow '48, and Doris Williams Nelson '49.

Welcome from the President

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great teachers and administrators that make our school what it is today.

We have a lot of great people working on this year's alumni banquet. Tim Rosentrater is putting together a wonderful meal and Karla Rockwell is working on an entertaining program, and of course Secretary Sharon Bean is keeping us all on the right track. It takes so many people to put the banquet on and I would like to thank everyone for their help.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 27. So everyone mark your calendars and plan to attend.

President,
Tammy Weinman

Theatre Board will Serve Breakfast

The Rialto Theatre Board will serve a continental breakfast Saturday, May 27, at the Kiwi Kafe from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for a visit with alumni friends.

Class of 1916

The Class of 1916 was the fourth graduating class of Arnold High and had nine members. All are deceased. Nettie Zierlein Ellis lived until 2002.

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McDowell, Ted Bubak, Terry and Dena (Weinman) Mills, Lester and Sue (Croghan) Mills, and Karen (Cole) Hough.

Going on the highway east out of town, we would find Rick Gracey, Elvin "Bub" Kilmer, Peter Koubek, Aaron Coleman, Matt Coleman, Justin Conner, Allen Conner, Eugene Andre, Paul Halouska, Blaine Hagler, Zach Hagler, John Beshaler, Greg Geiser, Elmer "Bub" and Virginia (Brown) Geiser, Aleta Ambler, Charles Foran, Duane Romans, Hazel (Forrester) Stuppelbeen, Barry Stuppelbeen, and Evan Beshaler.

Southeast of town we find Rosalie Turley, Sherrie (Hircock) Davenport, Dan Davenport, Tim M. Turley,

Patty (Beshaler) Parks Nelson, Loren Dee Peterson, Cory Peterson, Jim Long.

Going south (hold on - there's a bunch!) we find Pat (Deterding) Crow, Allen Crow, Tim Rosentrater, Jeff Corbin, John Nelson, Duane and Carolyn (Blowers) Bowers, Don and Ellen (Rader) Chrisp, Dwight Sheets, Debbie (Bean) Brosius, Charles and Janet (Olson) Blowers, Lindy Dailey, Chip Blowers, Dan Blowers, Leon Weinman, Glen and Connie (Larreau) Weinman, Ed Anderson, Larry and Marilyn (Smith) Brohman, Don and Sunbeam (Oman) Swanson, Virginia (McClure) Steele, Glen Rosentrater, Darrell Olofson, Duane and Norma (Oman) Erikson, Leonard Mackley, Ed Purcell, Joe and Natalie (Coleman) Cool, Marjorie (Blixt) Cool, Shane Cool, Brock Dailey, Dean Weinman, Gary Mackley, Jim Weinman, Cam Weinman, Ray and Karen (Hermansen) Holt, Don Olson, Aaron and Shannon (Holmberg) Olson, and Jay Peterson.

Those who head west for "a-ways" are Ed Tullis, John Halstead, Eric Nelson, Lane

CLASS REUNIONS

1936: Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in sixth grade room at school. Everyone invited to stop in to visit.

1946: Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in third grade room at school.

1956: Saturday afternoon at Riverview social room, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

1966: Saturday afternoon, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the home of Rita (Watson) and Rod Workman (the former Stuart Watson home).

1976: Saturday afternoon, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the home of Diane Finch, Sunday at 12:30 p.m., famil dinner in First Baptist Church basement.

1986: Have reserved Double T Campgrounds for Saturday and Sunday, where they will meet. Contact Tammy Weinman for more information.

1996: Saturday afternoon at the home of Joe Bob and Randi Atkins, 604 N Hillcrest, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday - possible picnic.

Preston, Frank and Norna (Long) Scott, Denny and Peggy (Long) Beatty, Eldon Christensen, Don Mills, Craig Smith, David and Tamela (Olson) Smith, Dale and Carol (Peterson) Leach, Kyle Leach, Lee Auble, Ken Nansel, John Christensen, John and Karla (Cole) Rockwell, Nate Mills, Jesse Halstead, Jody Strasburg, Kim Strasburg, Bob Blevins, Gary Blevins, Robbi Smith, Bobbie Smith, Jeff Preston, Craig Halstead, Bill and Lois (Nansel) Witthuhn, and Carl Leach.

Some who have "retired" - or not retired - and are living in town (or maybe even lived in town while farming or ranching) are Donald Dailey, Louis Seda, Earl Dailey, Jerry Ahrens, Cleo (Spratt) Deterding, Bob Lucas, Viola Scott Geiser, Mildred (McCarthy) Pinkston, Norene (Hall) Mills, Sarah (Simms) Peterson, Anna Mae (Brown) Wilson, Ruth (Frosh) Ross, and Mildred (Bailey) Smith. Thank you, Arnold Alumni, for staying!

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