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## >>> Welcome Home...Alumni! <<<

### Dr. Roger W. Best Will Emcee 1997 Program

Alumni of Arnold High School will gather on Saturday, May 24th, for the annual banquet and program. Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Roger W. Best.

Dr. Best is the current holder of the Durham Professorship of Business and the Division Chair for Business Programs at Louisiana College. Prior to his current position, he retired from Northwestern State University which is part of the University of Louisiana system. His last position at Northwestern was that of Dean and Provost. He has also served as a visiting professor in Europe, lecturing in Germany and England as part of a graduate management program for the U.S. Air Force. He participated in a similar program that took him to Turkey and England. In these positions he held a GS 14 equivalent rating. In addition to Northwestern State University, he has taught for the University of Arkansas, Dana College, Central Missouri State University and Troy State University. More recently, during the summers of 1994 and 1995 he traveled and taught in the Peoples Republic of China. He plans to return to China in 1997.

Dr. Best has been a contributor to textbooks, presented published papers in professional organizations, and served as a management consultant for various corporations, hospitals, and government organizations. His experience also includes employment in several businesses. A native of Custer County, Nebraska, he is a 1957 graduate of Arnold High School. He graduated from Dana College in Nebraska where he was a varsity football letter-



man, honor student, and winner of the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. He earned both the MBA and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.

He is a past president of several organizations including the Natchitoches Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Ozark Economic Association, Louisiana Business Deans, and served as chairman of the board of the Central Louisiana chapter of the National Management Association. He has held a variety of other community service and church related positions. Dr. Best is married to Shirley Sulin Harter Best who is an Educational Diagnostician with the Rapides Parish School Board. They have two grown sons; Jason, a management consultant with Federal Mogul Corporation and Andrew, an electrical engineer with General Motors Corporation.

### Welcome From The President

Dear Alumni,

Another year has gone by for all of us and ten years for the honored classes. Seems like the last ten years have gone by as fast as one year used to when I was in one year used to when I was in high school at Arnold. Everything is relative I guess.

Many of you will not know my background so I would like to tell you a little about myself and how I came back to live in Arnold. Maybe some of you have considered or will consider Arnold as a place to live and retire.

I graduated from Arnold High School 39 years ago in the class of 1958, and graduated from Kearney State Teachers College in 1962. Albert Fuller was one of my favorite teachers and was instrumental in my decision to become a math and science teacher. I did not understand what a good teacher Mr. Fuller was until I had my own teaching experience at Merna, Nebraska in 1963 and 1964. Another Arnold teacher who left a favorable impression on me and many students was Darrel Lloyd. However, English and basketball were not endeavors that fit my abilities. It was not long after I left high school before I wished I had paid more attention in English and speech.

Merna was the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where I was a teaching and research assistant in the department of chemistry. Mr. Fuller and Dr. Fox from Kearney were still influencing me. I think I was more successful with the students at UNL and I enjoyed the work. I obtained a Masters degree from UNL and moved to Kansas City, Mo. where my four adult children still live.



something for a town of our size. The hunting is very good although I don't participate much any more. Volunteer work is available to those of all ages who are willing to give of their time. The landmarks are quite special as are the family, friends and those local characters we hear stories about all the time.

As you can see, I have a variety of experiences and do enjoy living in Arnold again. I hope many of you can return for the 1997 Alumni Banquet. The Arnold Alumni Association has always been considered one of the BEST because of YOU and your support.

Sincerely,  
Duane R. Romans

### Class Of 1997

Nine members of the Class of 1997 will become members of the Arnold High School Alumni Association at the May 24th program. Their senior picture composite, presented to the president on Saturday evening, will be displayed with those of previous graduates of A.H.S.

Second generation alumni are identified by 1 (father is alumni) and 2 (mother is alumni).

Joe Cool  
Brandon Crow - 1  
Danelle Gibson  
Cody Gracey - 1 & 2  
Richard Hornung - 1 & 2  
Matthew Reed  
Jeremy Steele - 1  
Chana Stoddard  
Shawn Strasburg - 1

### Program

The entertainment segment of the alumni program is titled "Generations of Talent," planned by first vice-president Melanie Peters Chesley ('77).

### Over 500 Attend '96 Banquet

It was Wednesday, May 22, 1996 and everyone in the small village of Arnold, Nebraska was tuned into the radio station to hear the forecast for the weekend.

"You don't have to look at the calendar to know a holiday is coming," said the weather reporter. "We won't see the sun until Tuesday."

A collective groan was heard throughout the village, as everyone gassed up their mowers to get one final mowing in before the honored guests arrived.

The above mentioned honored guests began trickling into town over the next three days, coming from the far corners of the U.S., via planes, trains and automobiles.

By Saturday, May 25th, over 500 Arnold High School alumni gathered in the school auditorium for an annual event that is known as one of the best high school reunions in the state - or maybe even the country.

The honored classes had met earlier in the day for their individual reunions, and were visited by alumni president, Dwaine Lehmkuhler ('71), and emcee Steve Kilmer ('74), who were garnering information for the program later that evening.

At 5:00 p.m. the line started forming for the banquet,

planned and prepared by 2nd vice-president Dena Mills ('83) and her able helpers. The guests enjoyed a meal fit for a king of smoked pork chops, delicious potatoes, green beans, crescent roll, and peach dessert. Members of the sophomore and junior classes helped serve.

Alumni members who have passed away in the last year, and deceased honored class members, were remembered in a memorial service given by Eugene Purcell.

Bobbie Smith, a board of director on the Arnold School Foundation, acknowledged the following gifts made to the foundation:

Robert L. "Leon" Morrison in memory of C.R. "Bus" Morrison and Ronald G. Morrison '56. Friend of the Foundation.

Chet and Dottie Belitz Bowman in memory of Emma Gion Mills '22. Benefactor.

The gifts were presented to foundation secretary, Carolyn Watkins.

Memorials given in the past year were also acknowledged:

Donald D. Oberg in memory of Virginia Weinman Oberg. Donor. Friends and family of William

Stuart Watson in memory of William Stuart Watson. Donor. Anna G. Glaze in memory of

By Janet Cole  
Larreau '78

Sophie Joy. Friend of the Foundation.

These gifts are acknowledged and recognized on a plaque, presented to Arnold School Board President Rick Beshaler, by foundation board of director, John Beshaler.

Numerous small gifts given during the past year were acknowledged in the memory book.

The Arnold School Foundation awarded scholarships to two graduating A.H.S. seniors this year.

President Lehmkuhler introduced emcee Steve Kilmer, by recalling his high school basketball days.

Steve then introduced the honored classes.

No members of the class of 1926 were in attendance.

The Class of 1936 had 14 members of the original 52 present.

The Class of 1946 had 9 of the original 22 present. It was at this point that the emcee wanted to know the real story behind Tim Turley tipping over his Model A. No response was given by class members.

The Class of 1956 had 17 of the original 23 present. "How did Denny Geiser get the milk cow up to the 2nd floor study hall?" was the question of the moment, but again, no response

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### New Alumni Directories Available Soon

The Alumni Association is printing new directories this year, and they will be available very soon.

Directories are updated and printed every five years. These give what we hope is the current address of every graduate, married woman's names, and denotes those who have passed away in the five years since the last directory.

There will be mistakes! Even though we hoped that every address that was turned in was current, we have found that in mailing out dues reminder cards that was not always the case, and cards were returned. Some of the people were in process of moving at the time the addresses were gathered, and by the time the new one was turned in, the material had already gone to the printers. There are a few graduates that we could not find in spite of all of our efforts.

Darlene Rimpley was chairman of this year's directory, and was assisted by members of the classes (in most cases) who contacted either the members themselves or family members to update addresses. Several people helped proofread material, and Janet Larreau was a big help as she

also corrected while she was setting the type at *The Sentinel* office.

Some interesting facts: there are 2,073 Alumni listed in the directory. The Class of 1934 had the largest class with 42 members, and the Class of '73 was next with 58. Twenty-four classes had 30 or more members. The classes of '13, '14, '15, and '17 had either 5 or 6 members. The Classes of 1920 and 1990 had eight members each, and this year's class has nine.

The largest number of siblings who are Alumni are the ten children of Loren and Maryann Anderson. The seven children of Les and Sophie Crow were second in that category.

Directories are available from Sharron Bean, Alumni Secretary. The cost is \$6.00, and if they are to be mailed, there will be a charge of \$1.90 postage.

### Banquet Menu

Second vice president Merri Jo Rosentrater Halstead ('73) has planned the following menu for the banquet.

Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Corn  
Fruit Salad  
Rolls & Butter  
Apple Crisp  
Coffee - Iced Tea - Water.

**'96 Banquet**

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was heard from his loyal class  
mates.

The Class of 1966 had 16 of the  
original 34 members present.  
"Was it Gary Mills or Mike Keyser  
who drove across Stuart Watson's  
yard that night?" the emcee  
asked. Alumni may never know.

The Class of 1976 had 18 of the  
original 51 present. The emcee  
asked for comments on Barry,  
Craig and Bob's run in with a  
mean bartender in Colorado.

The Class of 1986 had 15 of the  
original 20 members present.

The newly graduated Class of  
1996 had 14 of the 21 members  
present. Dan Bomebeck, presi-  
dent, presented the class to the  
association. While introducing  
himself, Joe Bob Atkins an-  
nounced that he was adopted.

In between introducing the  
classes, the emcee said that he  
had asked Caro Lehmkuehler the  
secret to her and Dwaine's long  
lasting marriage. "We're both in  
love with the same guy," was her  
response.

Fourteen three-generation fam-  
ilies were present at the pro-  
gram and were introduced.  
Alumni present and announcing  
four generation families were  
Mynor Smith, Darrell Dennis  
Rosentrater, Cleo Deterding, and  
Gene Purcell.

The emcee recalled his memo-  
ries of the gymnasium, including  
basketball games with Callaway,  
Doc Prendergast's hygiene visits  
(including telling students to  
keep their nose out of every-  
body's business), the Phillips and  
Ferguson boys whipping every-  
one in wrestling - on and off the  
mat, and food fights and Mr.  
Story.

Out of state visitors were recog-  
nized, with Alaska being the far-  
thest distance traveled.

Returning faculty included:  
Ronnie Swanson, math teacher,  
1964-67; Glen Troyer, teacher,  
coach, principal, late 50's to 70's;  
Marion Fuller Nelson, music, 40

years; Alice Crosby, 1940's ele-  
mentary teacher; and Dianne  
Finch, speech and drama coach.  
The program, planned by 2nd  
vice president, Susan Nelson  
(75) was a "Night of Com-  
mercial." Deb Bean Brosius (75) ap-  
peared as Edythe Ann, and kept  
the audience entertained in be-  
tween segments, including:

"Ladies Night Out" with Rick  
Beshler (71), Gary Crow (79),  
Marion Scott (48), and Kent De-  
Losh (66), dressed for the occa-  
sion.

Always,  
Geraldine

**Donald Shaw '37**  
Shawnee Mission, KS

Dear Sharon,

I plan to attend the alumni ban-  
quet at A.H.S. on May 24, 1997  
(this year will be my 60th year  
since graduation). I was part of the  
class of 1937.

I am using Shawnee Mission ad-  
dress now instead of Roeland  
Park. It's all the same, really.  
You see Shawnee Mission is the  
post office for 5 suburbs of  
Kansas City including Roeland  
Park. The latter is so often mis-  
spelled that I use Shawnee Mis-  
sion. Same thing, only more effi-  
cient for me.

Donald Shaw

**Scenes From The '96 Banquet**

Four generations of alumni...Mindy Strasburg '96, Cleo Deterding '27, Pat Deterding Crow '53, and Penny Crow Strasburg '73.



Six honored classes were present at the A.H.S. Alumni Reunion held Memorial Day weekend. The one remaining member of the Class of 1916 - Nettie Zierlein - was not able to attend. Remaining members of the Class of 1926 - Gladys Bowers Yost, Elva Brown Fox, Laura Pinkston Showd, and Mable Smith Anderson - were also not able to attend the reunion. Those present for the Class of 1936 reunion included: (front row, l-r) Ferri Brittan Cornell, Hazel Marie Mills, Smith, Fern Schroeder Hall, Alice Holden Tullis, Frieda Lewis Sutton, Leona Lindell Bannister, Luda Bailey Myers; (2nd row) George Halstead, Robert Clizbe, Bob Brown, Marion Dunn Koefoot, Marie Atkins Deterding, Verna Olson Klatt, Thomas Christensen.



Class of 1946 - (front row, l-r) Dorothy Lindholm Gast, Barbara Scott Garrett, Leona Christensen Shields, Dorothy Gene Beltz Bowman; (2nd row) Tim Turley, Dean Myers, Russell Pope, Stanley Pearson, Bob Myers.

**In Memory**

In memory of alumni who have  
passed away since last year:

George Huff ..... 1952  
Doris Ricker Pierce ..... 1928  
Bertha Wemple Davis ..... 1925  
Joe Lewis ..... 1955  
Dennis Geiser ..... 1956  
Eloise Bowman Martin ..... 1952  
Gladys Bowers Yost ..... 1926  
Raymond Koubek ..... 1941  
Ed Seda ..... 1945  
Ruth Chittenden  
Aydelotte ..... 1929  
Olivia Fitzgerald  
Huckaby ..... 1936

**HONORED CLASSES -**

**1917:**  
Nolan Alexander  
Floyd Lucas  
Eva Richards  
Bertha Robinson Smith  
Ward Zimmerman

**1927:**  
Sylvia Arritt Sheets  
Beulah Backes Peterson  
Melvin Brumbaugh  
LaVern Claudson  
Melvin Goodnow  
Leatha Iiams Wilmeth  
Bernice Koch Sweeney  
Glen Maxson  
David Mills  
Althea Snyder Pinkston  
Crystal Spratt Will  
Vivian Will Dahl  
Floyd Wood  
Ida Yarrington Rader

**1937:**  
Doris Bailey France  
Harvey Bailey  
Joseph Haught

Naomi Johnson Schryer  
Wayne Koch  
Ila Mae Landry Campbell  
Robert Newkirk  
Marshall Potter  
Lucille Stone Brown  
Roger Van Wormer  
**1947:**  
Leonard Croghan  
Lucille Teahon Johnson  
**1957:**  
Anna Ondrak Marrs  
Alice Romans Butler  
**1967:**  
Joe Steele

**Dance Music**

Terry Fales will provide dance  
music at the Forrester's Dodge  
City building at the junction of  
Highway 92 & 47 from 10:00  
p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The cost will be  
\$5.00 per couple; \$2.50 single.

**Correspondence**

**Josephine Ondrak Dailey '55  
Montebello, CA**

I'm still working for American  
Greetings Card Co. as a Mer-  
chandiser. Been over 6 years  
now.

My 3 daughters are all doing  
fine. Still have one unmarried  
and no grandchildren.

Sure did enjoy our 40th re-  
union in '95.

Hope to see everyone in May.  
As always,  
Josephine

**Geraldine (Geiser) Sauer '62  
Kansas City, MO**

Dear Sharon,  
My husband, Clarke, and I live

**Letters From  
Honored Classes**

**Cleo (Spratt) Deterding '27**  
Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni,

"Every day is a gift, that's why  
they call it the present."

Time flies for me. I went to  
school in a sod school house in  
District 113 Lincoln County.  
Nineteen pupils and Miss Knox  
was our teacher. We walked or  
rode a horse some. We then  
transferred to District 64, Yucca  
Valley. We walked 3 miles unless  
bad weather, then one of the  
dads took us. Spratts, Lindells,  
Beans, Luce's, Walker, Hayes,  
and Hunts, all came from west of  
the highway. The teachers  
walked from boarding places  
too. The Powell girls stayed at  
Chambers, different teachers  
stayed with John Brewer's and  
Bob Nansel's family.

In Yucca Valley one year, we  
had 56 children and 1 teacher.  
Then had 2 teachers after that.  
We had to take 8th grade exam-  
inations at Broken Bow and you  
had to pass them. My folks and  
Uncle Author Iiams said, "we  
girls were too young to go to  
town." So Lethia, Crystal, and I  
took 8th grade 2 times, didn't  
hurt us any, as we graduated  
from high school the top 3 in  
our class.

I went 2 years in the old red  
brick school which sat where  
Mrs. Larreaut built a house. We  
played basketball in basement of  
Baptist Church, the last period  
of the day. Everybody went  
home at 4 o'clock, as we had to  
help do chores at home.

I went the last 2 years in the  
new school on the hill. We had a  
Home Economics Department and  
a real General Science room  
in the southeast corner. The  
typing department was in the  
northwest corner. Crystal and  
Lethia took typing and I took  
Home Ec. We had very good  
teachers in both schools.

We had roller skating parties in  
the Anna Ervin building, which  
is where the north half of John  
Reed's store is now.

I was married in June of 1927  
to Ed Deterding. We had 3 chil-  
dren Pat (Mrs. Darrell Crow) of  
Arnold, Edgar Lee of Anselmo,  
Cammy Jo (Mrs. John Amen) of  
Lincoln; 11 grandchildren and  
12 great-grandchildren. Every  
one of them busy, well and en-  
joying life, I hope.

I have lived in Arnold all my  
life.

I enjoy Alumni very much - see-  
ing old friends, lots I don't know  
any more though. I sure plan to  
be at Alumni this year. Do hope  
to see some of the other five  
members of my class, as that is  
all that is left of the 21 members  
of the Class of '27.

Thanks to all the people who  
work so hard to keep the Alumni  
going.

Cleo (Spratt) Deterding

lives on the Eastern Shore and  
she wanted me to be a little  
closer so she could take care of  
me. I sold our house and sold my  
boat and bought a riverside  
house on the Choptank River. It  
is about thirty miles from Gail's  
house. The Choptank is a tide  
water estuary that flows into the  
Chesapeake Bay about forty  
miles from where we live. Choptank  
is Nanticoke Indian for "River  
that flows both ways." So, you  
see, we still live on the water-  
front. We have about an acre  
and a half of land - about the  
same as we had in Washington  
except this is mostly lawn with a  
couple dozen trees standing  
around while our western home  
was mostly trees. I have a riding  
mower which helps to keep the  
place tidy.

The town of Denton is over 300  
years old and there used to be a  
slave market where the court  
house square now is. Denton is  
the country seat of Carrolline  
County. Adams Landing is about  
a thousand feet south of where  
we live. The settlers, even before  
the Revolutionary War, would  
bring their produce - mostly to-  
bacco and cotton - here to send  
down the river to the Bay to be  
put on sailing ships for England.

Your friend,  
Max Phifer

**Ellis Wilmeth '27**  
Merna, NE

Dear Alumni,

I graduated from Arnold in  
1927. I lived with my parents  
southwest of Arnold. In 1929 we  
moved to north of Merna. I mar-  
ried Doris Anderson in 1933. We  
moved back over to the area  
northeast of Arnold in 1944.  
After living there a year, we  
moved back over northeast of  
Merna to my grandparents'  
homestead. In 1952 we bought  
the place we had lived on north  
of Merna, in our early married  
years. We semi-retired in 1976,  
built a house in Merna and are  
residing there.

We have two daughters, Arlene  
Hallwill (Edwin) and Mary  
Heim (Joe), both at Merna. Mary  
and Joe live on our place north  
of town. We have four grandchil-  
dren and three great-  
grandchildren. Lea Ann  
Halouska (Paul) is our oldest  
granddaughter, so I still have  
roots in the Arnold area.

Sincerely,

Ellis Wilmeth

**Karl Thelen '27**  
Salem, Oregon

Karl sent the alumni a post  
card of his home, Capital  
Manor, a nondenominational  
Christian Continuing Care Re-  
tirement Community nestled in  
the heart of the Willamette Val-  
ley, and the following note:

Dear Arnold Alums -

Thought you might like to see  
where some ancient Arnold  
Alums finally wound up. There  
are a mere 428 of us living here.

I'm still doing a lot of music  
choir, quartet, even solos, and di-  
rect men's and lady's choirs  
here at Capital Manor.

Brother Max, who attended  
AHS two years, or was it three?  
passed away last April, so I'm  
not likely to visit in Nebraska. I'll  
miss doing that.

I do wish the classes who as-  
semble a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Carl Thelen



Class of 1976 - (front row, l-r) Peter Koubek, Pam Romans, Craig Manley, Mark Knapp, Christy Preston  
Olin, Pam Lambert Long; (2nd row) Marcia Conner Hill, Joan Beshaler Keyser, Kim Kilmers Schied,  
Barry Strasburg, Judy Deterding Allen, Melody Larreau Jennings; (3rd row) Paul Halouska, Phil Lucas,  
Loren Scott, Steve Olofson, Ben Hardin, Joy Crow.

**Class of 1937**  
Myra (Watson) Jahnke '37  
Denver, CO  
Dear Alumni Friends:  
Just a note to say hello to every-  
one in case I can't get to the ban-  
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## Letters

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quiet as it's uncertain at this time.

It's two years in April since Elmer passed away and the time has passed so quickly. But God has been so good to me and taken very good care for which I've been so thankful for.

I'm looking forward to May.

Love,  
Darrell

**Margaret Steburg Powers '37**  
Escondido, CA

Dear Darrell:

Unless something unforeseen happens, I plan to be there for our 60th...hard to believe that many years have passed since our graduation.

Summer times I keep myself so busy with yard work and I have such great neighbors, friends, family and my church, so I don't have a lot of spare time.

Would love to see everyone, so will just have to wait and see how things work out for me.

Love to all,  
Myra (Watson) Jahnke

**Ilah (Eddy) Wardrobe '37**  
Spokane, WA

Alumni,

It seems impossible to have graduated 60 years ago. I think the "Good Lord" every day that I'm in good health. I want to say a "special HI" to all classmates and Arnold friends alike. I left there several years ago but it's still home to me.

Well, 20 years ago I took tours of Spain, then Africa thinking that would be my last. Last summer, 1996, Foreign Travel scheduled tours from Phoenix and then to Spokane to London. I was fortunate enough to tour London. I wouldn't take a million for my experience, but I wouldn't go again for a million. I walked so much I'm sure I'm 2 inches shorter (Ha). Changing of the Guards, "Gold Domes" in the cathedrals, London Bridge, Chapel of Princess Di's wedding, the beautiful drives through the countryside, etc., etc., etc. Here are "my only" drawbacks. I don't care for lamb to eat. I like cheese, but not a steady diet of it, and lastly, they served every kind of bread you could think of. It was a "gr-r-eat" experience.

Sincerely,  
Ilah (Eddy) Wardrobe

**Darrell Dennis Rosentrater '37**

Arnold, Nebraska

Dear Classmates and Alumni friends.

Sixty years! How time does fly!

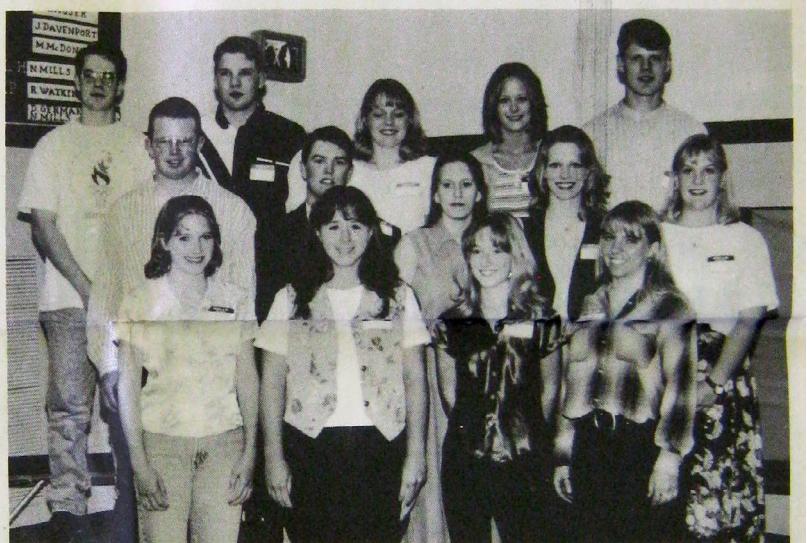
The fall after my graduation from high school, I taught in the Rosentrater school south of Arnold. I continued there for a total of five years and attended Kearney State Teachers College for three of the summers.

In October of 1940 I married Harold Rosentrater and moved to the farm where I still reside. Our four children, two sons and two daughters, have been my pride and joy through the years. Harold passed away in January of 1983.

I've done my share of traveling over the years. In the summer of 1954 our family visited Washington D.C. and many interesting sites in that area. The highlight was the extended trip to New York City, where we took a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty and climbed up to her forehead. In August of 1972 Harold and I, accompanied by our daughters drove up to Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada. That was as far as the road went at that time so we continued another one hundred and fifty miles by train to Lynn Lake. We had a wonderful visit with our friends in that northern mining town. In February of 1974 Harold and I flew to Spain. While there, we traveled by hydroplane past the Rock of Gibraltar to Morocco on the northern coast of Africa. Other trips have taken us to visit friends and relatives in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Colorado, Montana and California. In June of 1989 I celebrated my 70th birthday while on a tour to Alaska with my sister, Bernadene Hop-



Class of 1986 - (front row, l-r) Eleanor Mackley Arens, Michele Hedberg, Jacinda Peterson Ross, Tammy Milne Weinman; (2nd row) Darren Weinman, Chad Lusk, Donna Rockwell Schnell, Katrina Goodenow, Deanna Anderson Poe; (3rd row) Charles "Chip" Blowers, David Winfield, Tad Geiser, Shawn Peterson, Rainey Pelton Haney, Larry Gunther.



Class of 1996: Top row, l-r: Mark Hagler, Robbie Sheets, Mindy Strasburg, Amy Conner, Dan Bombeck; middle: Kyle Leach, Joe Bob Atkins, Melissa Larreau, Patty Turner, Leslie Smith; bottom row: Rachelle Halstead, Jennie Halstead, Mandy Edelman, Brandy Pierce Mason.

fall at a rural school south of North Platte. I stayed with my aunt and her family on their farm. As I told our kids, and now the grandkids, "in the olden days" you could train to be a teacher while in high school. I was barely 17 years old that fall, and my three 8th graders were 14 years of age. The only bad thing, the distance of 50 plus miles from there back to Arnold and on home might as well have been 500 miles as I was home only three times that school term of 47-48.

Teaching at Loyal School northeast of Arnold the next three years was great! I have fond memories of those years, and the nice families there. One winter Sunday, I froze the top of my right ear walking from the highway to the home of Dave and Norene Mills. Norene remembers this when I see her in Arnold, I remember, too, when I feel the top of my "stiff" ear. We enjoyed neighborhood card parties at the school, too. I drove across the sandhills from my parents' home in Cedar Grove to Loyal when weather permitted. Richard Lilly got the Model A Ford out of the sand on hill for me one time when it became stuck. I stayed with Mrs. Peterson some, and then Fay and

Margie Wilson, Fay would come get me in his jeep, that's when the Model A couldn't get across those six miles. I recall the "Blizzard of '49" while teaching at Loyal. I saw the Hoskins family last August at Festival time. The Watson family moved to Oregon later. Anderson's moved to the area later. A couple years ago, I saw all of Norene's children at Memorial time. LaClede and Suanne were my students.

My fifth and sixth years of teaching were along a pretty stretch of river out of Eddyville, Summer, and Broken Bow. I stayed with Roy and Hazel Ferguson, another great family. In December of '52, my second year there, I married David Sheets, another Arnold alum. After the school term ended in May, we lived in Arnold several months.

The fall of '55 thru '69 found me helping with my husband's business, "Dave's Beetle Service." He worked on Volkswagen's. During this time our three children seemed to be growing up fast. In early '70 I began working at the Casper Children's Home. What an eye opener, some of their stories were so sad!

December of '53 brought a move to Casper, WY. with our 2 month old baby girl Carol, who was born at the Arnold Hospital. My brother Jerry Dillon and a couple of his friends took Carol and me to Casper where David had been working for several weeks. We arrived two days before Christmas, and I liked Casper immediately. A mobile home we rented, and one we bought, did have running water

## Class of 1947

**Ardelle (Dillon) Sheets '47**  
Loveland, CO

Dear Alumni,

After graduating almost 50 years ago, I taught school that

pas. Church has been an important part of my life, musically and in teaching. I thank God for my parents who always encouraged me to do my best in everything, my family, my relatives, and my friends who have all helped me to have a very fulfilled life.

I'm looking forward to May.

Love,  
Darrell

**Margaret Steburg Powers '37**  
Escondido, CA

Dear Darrell:

Unless something unforeseen happens, I plan to be there for our 60th...hard to believe that many years have passed since our graduation.

I started high school in the fall of '45 at Arnold. We seven Dillon's graduated from Arnold High, Alison in May '69. If I recall correctly, my parents had one of us in high school all those years except for one.

Am looking forward to our re-

union in May.

Sincerely,

Ardelle (Dillon) Sheets

Class of '47

Dear Sharron:

I received a call from Bonnie (Smith) Rose who filled me in on the dates and cost of the alumni dinner. I'm excited about coming back after all these years. I'll see you the 23rd of May.

Yours truly,

John Anderson

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Dear Sharron,

I have already notified Bonnie Rose that I won't be at the '97 Arnold Alumni Banquet. I would, however, like a copy of this year's Alumni News. Hope this year's banquet is a tremendous success! I'll be thinking of you all!

Perk Slezak

Dear Sharron,

I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you in May. Will we recognize each other???

I taught school one year - near Arnold, 1947-48.

Attended U. of Wyoming - met a lot of cute guys - one in particular - Howard L. Mitchell, a Navy vet. We were married in 1950.

Had four beautiful children - 2 girls and 2 boys (my husband and oldest child are deceased). Have five grandchildren - 3 girls, 2 boys. The oldest, 19 years, is a junior at U. of Arizona; the youngest, age 2.

We moved to Redding in 1960. My husband was a registered Civil Engineer. I took care of the children and household until our youngest entered high school. I then began a full time career with the State of California.

In the fall of '61 I signed up to substitute teach. Since I had taught kindergarten thru eighth grades, I was kept very busy.

Within two months I was substitute teaching for a kindergarten teacher who broke her leg; this lasted thru the next April. I was kept busy from the fall of '61 through the spring of '65 teaching kindergarten. Two years we ran three sessions a day. I loved this time of teaching in Casper. And, not having to sweep the floor, carry water, or build a fire of wood and coal was nice, too.

In the fall of '65 thru '69 found me helping with my husband's business, "Dave's Beetle Service." He worked on Volkswagen's.

During this time our three children seemed to be growing up fast. In early '70 I began working at the Casper Children's Home.

What an eye opener, some of their stories were so sad!

We moved to Loveland 26 years ago this month of March. I like Loveland, but not as well as Casper at first. I taught Head Start here one year; I didn't care for the format. David worked at Volkswagen in Ft. Collins a

few months, then he got a job at

the hospital. I taught school at

the hospital for 2 years.

After that I taught at Loveland

High School for 10 years. I

then taught at Loveland Middle

School for 10 years. I then

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**Robert L. McMahon '47**  
Anaheim, CA

Alumni,  
I attended college until the summer of 1950 when Ted Anderson, Faylin Finch, Russ Pope and I joined the navy for four years. I graduated from Kearney State College and taught science at Clarks High School, Clarks, Nebraska for three years. During this time, I received a Master's Degree at Greeley College and also spent a year at Harvard University. The next year was spent at the University of Kansas as a graduate teaching assistant in biology.

I moved to Anaheim, California in 1960 and taught biology for 31 years. During the summer of 1969, I toured Europe for ten weeks. That fall, I was selected as the Outstanding Biology Teacher of California by the National Biology Teachers Association.

I took a sabbatical leave from teaching in 1974 and traveled around the world for nine months. Most of the time was spent in Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. I also visited Tahiti, Fiji, Singapore, India and Thailand.

I retired in 1991 and have been traveling throughout the United States with adventure in mind. The 40+ trips have included D.C. (2), New Orleans (5), Texas (2), Missouri (14), Nebraska (10) Denver (10), Seattle (1), Florida (1) and Vermont (1). Some of the trips were to attend Elderhostel classes.

**Lou Seda '47**  
Arnold, NE

Alumni,

I graduated in the year of 1947. In the spring of 1948 I decided I wanted to make the harvest, so I worked as a harvest hand. In 1952 I bought my first machine and truck, which I trucked locally. I ran the harvest from Texas through the Dakotas and into Montana for about 55 years. I farmed some on the side. I also did some over-the-road trucking.

I met my wife at Wilton, North Dakota, while I was on harvest and in November of 1950 we were married. We have four wonderful children. Our oldest, Cheryl, lives in Texas; Roger lives at Anselmo, Nebraska on a ranch; Karen lives in Wray, Colorado; Cynthia "Cindy" lives in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

We have ten grandchildren and two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

I worked in my later years for the Custer County Highway Department for seven years and I retired from there in 1994.

Lou

**Lois Frosh Clevenger '47**  
Salem, Oregon

Hello Classmates of '47,

Well 50 years, and what have I accomplished? I taught school one year, got married and had 2 children while we lived in Nebraska. We moved to Oregon in '51 and have lived in the N.W. part of the state all the time. My husband worked on dairies, farms and then he went to welding school and did body and fender work and went on to help build road pavers. All the time, 5 more children arrived and I worked in canneries and for the school districts. When the last child got in school, I went to work at Willamette University. They didn't let me get past the kitchen. I helped prepare meals for 400 to 600 students each and every day. Was there four plus years and then went across the street and worked as a custodian for the state in the capitol building. At this time we bought another home 12 miles from town and had our own little farm.

We lived there 19 years. I now live in Salem. I have a few ladies

come to my home and I teach them machine knitting.  
I will see you at the banquet.  
A classmate.  
Lois Frosh Clevenger

**Dwaine Carlson '47**  
Omaha, NE

Alumni,

After graduating from AHS, I farmed with my father until June '51, when I was drafted (I'm a coward) into the army. I attended Medical Field Service School in San Antonio, Texas and from there I went to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, CO. I then shipped over to Germany with the 54th General Hospital. I was mustered out in May '55, and after working at various jobs around Arnold, decided to enroll at KSC to take advantage of the G.I. Bill. I enrolled the Fall of 1954.

Eddy Schlaftman also enrolled at KSC and received her two year degree in 1956. We were married on 30 March '56 and celebrated our 40th anniversary last year with a reception at Kountz Memorial Lutheran Church sponsored by our children and their spouses. Eddy has been a very supportive, loving wife and mother all those years and still "Makes my day."

I graduated from KSC in '58 and accepted a position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Jan. '59. When we moved to Omaha we had a boy (Shawn) 2 years old and a daughter (Shayne) 2 months old. In June of '61 Brett was born and Heidi followed in '66.

Our children are all happily married and we have seven grandchildren. Four grandsons: 14, 9, 4 and 5, and three granddaughters: 9, 4 and 3. They all live close enough that we get to see them, and spoil them, quite often.

I retired in Jan. '94 after 35 years with the C of E. I keep busy by doing volunteer work at least twice a week and sometimes 4 days a week when the weather doesn't allow me to golf. I drive a van to transport senior citizens wherever they need to go and distribute blood to Omaha and Council Bluffs hospitals for the Red Cross.

Eddy worked as a legal secretary for eighteen years and is now Asst. Director at St. Lukes Child Development Center.

I traveled extensively with the C of E and Eddy and I have taken many vacation trips exploring a large part of the U.S. and Hawaii. Our latest trip was to the U.S. Virgin Islands in Nov. '96 where we worked as volunteers with Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR is rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Marilyn which passed through in Sept. 1995 with winds exceeding 175 miles per hour. It was very educational as well as rewarding. We loved the warm weather!!!

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See you there!!!  
Dwaine Carlson

**Elk Horn, IA**

Dear 1947 Classmates,

Received your letter several months ago about our 50th re-

union.

After graduation, I farmed for a couple of years until I went into the navy in which I served for four years. After my discharge, I attended college in Lincoln for a year and then signed on with AT&T. I retired in 1990 after 35 years. I have lived in Elkhorn, Iowa since 1960 when I married

my wife, Joyce. We have 3 children, Carol, Craig and Kevin. We also have two granddaughters, Kali, 7, and Kelsi, 5, years old. They keep Grandpa and Grandma young.

We spend our winters in the southern states, this year in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. We are both retired and enjoy traveling. It seems the children always need help, so we are carpenters, plumbers and electricians, thus keeping us busy.

We plan on attending both the picnic and also the get-together and reunion on Saturday.

Sincerely,  
La Verne C. Smith

**Floyd Geiser '47**  
Oakland, NE

Alumni,

After graduating from Arnold, I went to KSTC at Kearney for a year, then transferred to Omaha where I earned an Associate Degree in Accounting.

Started working for the J.C. Robinson Seed Co. at Waterloo, NE in their accounting department.

I met my wife, Colleen, when she came to Waterloo to teach. We were married January 27, 1951.

In April, 1951, I was drafted into the army and spent 21 months - a year, of which, was in Korea.

We have two children - Tom, born in 1955, is seed production manager for the seed company I started with. He has 4 children. Jane, born in 1955, lives in Omaha and is PR director for Bethpage Mission. She has 2 children.

My wife and I moved to Oakland, NE in 1975, when I accepted the position of District Sales manager for Northeast Nebraska.

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**La Verne C. Smith**

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my husband were assigned to Fort Hauchuca. There was no W.A.C. Detachment (Women's Army Corp) at Fort Hauchuca so I could not transfer. I was honorably discharged from the United States Army in June of 1954. I accompanied my husband to Arizona where I was employed through United States Civil Service as a dispatcher for the motor pool. George received orders for Germany. Those orders were canceled and we were sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, where our daughter, Kathy, was born in 1955. We were sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and to Fort Sheridan, Illinois where our daughter, Janet, was born in 1962. George continued driving for many different generals. In 1964 we were assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas and George retired from the United States Army in November 1965.

George was recalled into the U.S. Army in 1968 to participate in the Secret War in Thailand

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## Letters

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months old.  
I plan on attending The Ban-  
t and the other activities.  
Seeing You!  
Maurice Scott

## na Perkins Slezak '47

Highfield Park, AZ  
Dear Alumni,  
Left Arnold in the summer of  
for Omaha where I worked  
Radio Station KFAB while  
studying for a degree in Journalism  
at the University of Omaha. I  
did newspaper ads for the  
Penney Company. With my  
in hand, I went to work in  
for Allen & Reynolds Ad-  
vertising Agency writing radio  
television copy. (Dick Peter  
in the Polka Dot Wrap!) I  
met college sweetheart Don  
who by now was a 2nd  
tenant Air Force pilot.  
He flew bombing missions  
Korea, I continued to work  
& R.

Don's return from the Ko-  
War, we led the life of a  
ary family, living in Florida,  
oma, Massachusetts, Calif-  
nia, Colorado and back to Cal-  
fornia for a final tour. Don re-  
from the Air Force as a  
el having served 30 years.  
ond career for Don as an  
engineering Program Manager  
oodyear Aerospace took us  
itchfield Park, AZ (near  
ix) where we live today.  
ad two children, Sue and  
Sue died in her third year  
edical student at Loyola  
h School of Medicine in  
go. Steve has Ph.D. in  
mics and is a professor at  
chool of Finance at the Uni-  
ity of North Carolina at  
Hill. He & wife Kathy (a  
) have two girls, Rachel  
nily, ages five and seven.  
Don retired for the sec-  
ime in '89, we have trav-  
some - Bangkok, Hong  
Singapore, the Malaysian  
sula, all over New Zealand  
arts of Australia as well as  
of the United States. We  
lly escape the Arizona  
er heat by going to Steam-  
ings, Colorado, but this  
ll spend three months in  
I keep active by bowling,  
ing to a Gourmet Group,  
ering at a charitable  
hop and writing occasion-  
lity and news items for  
s groups. It's been a great  
so far.

First car: 1970 Ford pickup that  
I still have, so does my son.

First job: Arnold switchboard,  
with Anita Bonta as my boss.

Most embarrassing time: Was  
when Pat Giles had to go to Bro-  
ken Bow to get turkey eggs on a  
school day. I and Arline Mackley  
and Theda Nansel went with her.  
Amazing how we all got in  
that little pickup and still had  
room for the eggs. Miss Sanders  
got a call from Broken Bow  
Schools (we had to drive by  
there), so we got some extra  
study time after school.

First date: Freshman year. I'm  
not telling who, since those that  
knew me already know.

I consider a good day if: Every-  
one is well and I get to see or be  
with family and friends.

When relaxing: I like being in  
the yard and enjoying birds and  
flowers. Also I still have two  
horses I still ride. One is 34.

The most pleasure I have is  
when I can have all my children  
and grandchildren together at  
the lake or home with me. Noth-  
ing stays the same, everything  
turns onward, so I enjoy God's  
gifts and for each day that by  
His grace He has given me.

So this is what I am, and my life  
so far.

Betty McKain

## Charles Blowers '47

Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates,

How do you put fifty years of  
history on one sheet of paper?  
The years have went by so fast.  
Like they say, time flies when  
you're having fun.

I started farming right out of  
high school. The Lord has been  
good to us over the years and  
with lots of hard work and en-  
couragement from family, we  
have had a good living. I say we  
because in August of '54 I mar-  
ried Janet Olson. We were  
blessed with five children and  
nine grandchildren, so far. Don't  
know why we didn't have the  
grandchildren first; they are so  
much fun.

They set a special table for us  
who have been out, two twenty  
five years. Don't that sound bet-  
ter?

Look forward to seeing you all  
in May. We'll celebrate!

Your classmate,  
Charles Blowers

## John Anderson '47

Upland, CA

Dear Bonnie,

Here is a sketch of where I've  
been, what I've done and some  
high points:

After leaving Arnold I attended  
Pasadena (Nazarene) College in  
Pasadena, California where I  
earned a BA degree in Music  
Theory. During the last few  
years in 1951, I spent some time in  
the home construction occupa-  
tion at Kearney.

In June of 1951, I was drafted  
into the U.S. Army during the  
Korean War. I took basic training  
at Fort Sill, OK, was in Japan for  
three months going to per-  
sonnel school, and then spent 15  
months with the 121st Evac Hos-  
pital near Seoul, Korea, as a per-  
sonnel clerk. I was discharged as  
Corporal Leach in May of 1953.

In June of 1953, I was married  
to Loretta Schreiner of Call-  
away. We lived in Broken Bow  
until 1956 when we moved to  
Kearney, NE. I worked with a  
power company until 1960.

In 1960, I entered the insur-  
ance business as a State Farm  
Agent, then as an insurance ad-  
juster for Farmers Mutual of Ne-  
braska. We lived in York until  
1969 when I bought into an in-  
surance agency at Aurora, NE.  
Last year I sold my interest to  
my son, Steven Leach. I am  
presently semi-retired and work-  
ing in the real estate and the  
farm management business.

Loretta and I have four chil-  
dren, all married: daughters, Pa-  
tricia, Lincoln, NE; Suzanne and  
Janelle, Phoenix, AZ; and son  
Steve in Aurora. We have five  
grandchildren and two step-  
grandchildren.

Besides work, I enjoy golfing,  
sporting events, and traveling.

Glena

## Lucas McKain '47

I, Nebraska

and, and it's more than like-  
I don't know who I am,  
my life, or part of it.  
day: October 5, 1929. I  
born in Arnold at Emmet  
ie Pope's house.  
pation: Domestic Engineer-  
d. Now I'm into Casino  
and trying to be a good  
ma and friend.

ly: Mary Dymond and  
Dymond. She has taught  
for 21 years. They recent-  
g a small acreage south  
she, and enjoy family life.  
McKain, lives in Sylmar,  
and works for Ghatsworth  
as Sales Manager and  
lot of traveling for them.

rt and Tami McKain live  
of Sutherland. He is com-  
technician for NPT Power.  
They have three sons and  
er baby they hope to make  
of their family. Mark is 15,  
in 6, Juston 8, and Gregory

many years in Arnold. All  
but I like the small town.  
one knows you. I like to  
the big city like where  
is in L.A. There's many  
things to do. People there  
dently, too, but I guess I  
ke the quiet.

I was then privileged to be  
hired as music consultant by the  
Riverside County Superintendent  
of School's office. Responsibilities  
expanded to Coordinator of For-  
eign Language, Coordinator of  
Teacher Recruitment, Coordinator  
of Gifted and Talented Education  
and Coordinator of the  
Academic Decathlon to mention  
a few.

The opportunity came in 1985  
to take early retirement after  
having spent 19 years in the  
county office and 29 years in all  
in education. I took it.

I found retirement boring so  
became part owner in a furni-  
ture brokering business in Mex-  
ico, tried real estate sales, but  
eventually went back into educa-  
tion, first as vice president in a  
private educational organization  
called SMART. The thought of  
teaching college classrooms was  
appealing so I joined the staff at  
National University, Riverside  
Campus where I supervised stu-  
dent teachers, coordinated the  
student teacher program and  
taught teaching methods (Clinical  
Teaching/Clinical Supervision,  
another duty in the River-  
side County Superintendent of  
Schools office).

Music! I have been music direc-  
tor in the Nazarene churches at:  
Altadena; Washington D.C., Bur-  
bank and Upland. Add those to  
the First Baptist Church in  
Riverside and a stint in Walnut  
Christian Chapel, I have directed  
church choirs for about 25 years.  
1950-1954: Joined the U.S. Navy  
and then met my wife Rose, in  
Rhode Island, while I was station-  
ed there. Moved to Arnold and  
worked for Watson's Grocery  
Store. Moved back to Rhode  
Island and started working for  
Armour and Company. In 1953,  
we were blessed with our first  
daughter Debbie.

1954-1960: Moved back to  
Arnold and again worked  
for Watson's. Continued on page 9.

(we have a fifth wheel RV). We  
belong to a camping club and  
still like to fish and hunt. I spent  
a few years on the local school  
board (my political fame), and several  
years on various United  
Methodist Church boards, both  
at the local and state levels.

1960-1997: Went into the Civil  
Service, U.S. Department of Agricul-  
ture, Meat and Poultry Inspec-  
tion Service for 26 years. My  
job took my family and myself  
on some more traveling. We moved  
from Rhode Island to New Jersey  
and then to Ohio. There was an open-  
ing for an inspector to relocate to Nebraska  
so we moved to Broken Bow.  
This time my daughters ended  
up moving back to Ohio and so  
Rose and I followed them. One  
more move took our daughter  
Deb and her family to Florida,  
with Kathi to follow, and when I  
retired, Rose and I followed  
suite. We are still in sunny  
Florida. I'm now working, so  
hard, on a golf course living with  
my wonderful wife of 45 years,  
as of this August, and my two  
young looking daughters and  
their families close by.

Darold Croghan  
Denice, FL  
Alumni,

From 1947 to 1948 I worked as  
a farm hand for several farmers.

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Geological Survey.

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Arnold, NE

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history on one sheet of paper?  
The years have went by so fast.  
Like they say, time flies when  
you're having fun.

I worked for two years after  
graduation, then married Larry  
Ross of Callaway in March of '59.  
We have three children, and five  
grandchildren. Our youngest  
daughter moved back from Cali-  
fornia last fall, so they are all living  
in Arnold. We get to enjoy the  
grandchildren's school events,  
and watch them grow up, as we grow older!!!

Thanks for all you and Sherry  
are doing on the plans.  
Sincerely,  
Howard Morrison

Janette Brower Patterson '57

Murrieta, CA

Dear Alumni,

It does not seem possible that  
forty years have come and gone,  
since graduating from Arnold  
High School, but then again my  
body and hair color is beginning  
to tell me.

I am anxious to see all my class-  
mates and school friends of  
other years. I really do hope the  
classmates that live in Nebraska  
make a special effort to be there,  
as do those of us that live far  
away!

Just a little update of happen-  
ings in my last 10 years: Duane  
(my husband) retired after 35  
years with the City of Orange,  
Ca. Fire Department, so we have  
been doing some traveling and  
plan on doing more in the near  
future.

Our son Brent gave us a darling  
granddaughter; and daughter  
Jodi and husband gave us two  
adorable grandsons, all of which  
we help love and spoil just a lit-  
tle. Ha!

Hope to see everyone the end  
of May.

Sincerely,  
Janette Brower Patterson

John (Jodi) Troyer Craig '57

North Platte, NE

Dear Alumni:

The past 40 years have been  
quite exciting and interesting  
and I am certainly looking for-  
ward to spending time with my  
classmates at our reunion, as I  
have not attended one since the  
20th.

After business school and a  
brief stint as a legal secretary I  
married and began raising a  
family, as if we had many choices  
in 50's and 60's. The next 20  
years went by so fast being a  
wife, mother and volunteer for  
many organizations, including  
Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, PTA  
(am I not the least likely in our  
class to be awarded a life mem-

bership in the PTA???) Also spent  
many hours volunteering at the  
local hospital and the Community  
Playhouse.

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District in Lincoln, Ne from March of '76 to July of 1979 as a conservation technician on wildlife habitat enhancement and flood control dam construction.

We moved to Cincinnati, Ohio for six months following Julie's graduation from UNL with degree in Mechanical Engineering. Moved back to Lincoln for a year and a half while Julie finished her Master's degree.

We moved to Texas in summer of 1981, where I worked for the Army Corps of Engineers as a Construction Rep for thirteen years. Julie worked for Fisher Controls in Sherman, Texas. We have two boys, Bryan (12-16-73), and Scott (1-28-75). Julie and I were divorced in summer of '85 and I raised the boys until Bryan went to live with his mother the last two years of high school while Scott stayed with me until he graduated. We lived in first Sherman, then Denton, Sulphur Springs and Boerne, all in Texas.

I caught the soccer bug in Texas and have coached ever since, started coaching my kids and continued after they were too old to play. My favorite hobby has always been backpacking trips with my two boys. After hunting pheasants around Arnold!

With both boys out of the house, and me still single and fancy free (still am), I retired from the Army Corps in April of '93 and took off for the wild blue yonder. I have been traveling ever since with brief stints at working to make enough to pay the bills. I have been in all of the lower 48 states, and hit all but a handful of our National parks. I backpack extensively and have been on all of the major trails in the USA. Jobs have included a summer at Grand Canyon Lodge, fall at skidoo in Winter Park, CO, summer with Schwan's (driving a route truck) at Plattsburgh, NE, and one fall at Arnold during harvest working for Craig Halstead. I spent this last fall sailing with friends in the Chesapeake Bay on a 38 ft. sailing yacht. We hope to take an around the world trip within the next couple of years. Would be a trip of two years duration!

Working this summer at St. Mary's Lodge at Glacier National Park in Montana. Hate to miss the reunion, but have bills to pay!

Dennis Leach

#### Barb (Bidstrup) Foran '67

Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni Members,

How fast the years have gone, not only am I having a 30th class reunion but will also celebrate our 50th anniversary this year.

Outside of being stationed in Germany for 2 years, we have been in Arnold. Same corner and good neighbors for 29 years. When I got to Germany, Lenni Blixt and Dennis Leach were stationed there, but by the time we found out where they were, they had been transferred to Viet Nam. Our daughter was born in Germany, she was called our little Foreign (Foran) girl. She has now grown up and is married to Scott Winfield. They have 2 children, Brent and Amanda, and will soon have another in August. Being grandparents is one of God's best blessings and a great pastime.

Barb works for the Village and I work sometimes for Tami Koubek at her greenhouse. I am a member of the Village Tree Board and am the City Forester. I am a Master Gardener from the Univ. of Lincoln, this is where my interest in trees and working with them came from. We still have a large garden and lawn. Each year we try and make the garden smaller and the lawn larger. One of my instructors

once told us if you didn't at least have one failure a year you were not experimenting and growing in your work. Come by here in July and August, some years I feel we have really grown in our work. I also had someone tell me that whether you go to heaven or hell, your job will be the one you detested most on earth. Well folks, I will be dragging a hose around for eternity!

I have a few hobbies, canning crafts and reading. I also like working on our family history and my collection of cookbooks (over 350 of them). I didn't say I liked to cook a lot, just read the books. Harry collects Legos and shot glasses (over 400), so I guess another hobby is dusting the shot glasses.

Both Barb and I are on the Vol. Fire and Rescue Dept. The members are a great bunch to work with. Harry is also on the State Ambulance Advisory Board. I attended the meeting with him (as his unpaid secretary).

We finally stepped in to the century and got a computer this year. It's been fun, maddening and a real test on our sense of humor, but we are really enjoying it. The grand kids have been using it, so we have to keep going or they will pass us.

Hope to see a lot of you in May.

Barb (Bidstrup) Foran

#### Linda (Myer) Hardy '67

Weston, NE

Dear Friends,

Our big news of the year is our recent move to an acreage. We moved to "the farm" (9 acres) in Sept. It was a daunting task to move 9 people, 2 dogs and 13 years of accumulated "stuff."

A little about the family:

Rosie at 5 years, remains the baby of the family; Ariell is 6 and in kindergarten; Allison is 7 and in first grade; Josh is 10 and a 5th grader; Jared is 14 and an 8th grader at Neumann; Jeff is 16 - look out drivers! - and a sophomore at Neumann; and Jason is a sophomore at UNL.

As you can see by the run down on our children, we are busy busing, coaching, cheering and encouraging. The kids point out that we have no lives of our own - at least, that's what I think they mean when they say "get a life."

Linda

#### Lila Hermansen Pile '67

Gurley, NE

Dear Alumni,

I attended Mid-Plains Junior College for two years. It was here I met my future husband, Bill. After graduation from Mid-Plains we attended Chadron State College for two years. We were married in August 1970 and graduation from CSC in May 1971. That fall we moved to Harrison, Nebraska where we lived for six years. I taught business classes part-time and worked first at a law office then at the bank. Both of our boys were born while we lived in Harrison.

In 1977 we moved from Harrison to Mullen where Bill held the position as high school principal for 16 years. I stayed at home with the boys for a couple years before returning to full time work as the K-12 school librarian in 1979. It was a wonderful community in which to raise the boys.

In 1993 we moved to our present home here at Gurley, Nebr. My husband is superintendent of the Leyton Schools and I am the upper elementary media specialist in Sidney. I am responsible for the library in two buildings plus teaching computer classes to about 375 students each week.

The boys are now grown. Tom graduated from Chadron State College this winter but is staying in Chadron as a graduate assis-

tant in the math department. Brian is a sophomore at Chadron and enjoying the 'collegiate life.'

Life has been very good to us these past thirty years. I hope my classmates have fared as well. I am looking forward to visiting with them on May 24th.

As ever,

Lila

#### Lennie Blixt '67

Ft. Riley, Kansas

The following note was written by Lennie's wife, Carole.

Dear Barb,

I'm so glad you asked! After graduating from Harvard Business School in 1972...just kidding!!!

Lennie spent two colorful years in the Army in Germany and Viet Nam.

He then journeyed to Chapman, KS where he worked for brothers Larry and Leroy until 1984. He then started working at Ft. Riley, where he continues to be employed. In 1979 he married Carole (me) who had two lovely daughters.

One daughter remains and has blessed us with a fine granddaughter named Shelly, who lives in Dallas, TX with her parents, Jennifer and Russell.

Lennie has many interests which include gardening, fishing, serving as an American Legion member, and of course, visiting Dallas as often as possible!

Carole Blixt

In 1977 when I flew to Spain with several of my family members. I also attended a Nebraska football game in Florida.

Dear Sharron,

Dear Friends of Class of 1957: I am so apprehensive about the position, but everything has gone real well. It will be 17 years in July. I have been with the company. My big trip this last year was last June when my granddaughter got married in Portland, Oregon, and I had all four of my kids together for four days and it was great. I spent two weeks out

be there until the end of April, so if anyone is wintering here, look me up.

Sincerely,

Rita Workman

#### Gaynelle Catterson '44

Creighton, NE

Dear Sharron,

Thank you for sending me the reminder for my dues. I do enjoy getting The Alumni News.

I live too far away for some one to drive me to the banquet, and I can't drive that far myself.

I trust you have a good turn-out and a good time.

An Arnold Alumni,

Gaynelle (Johnston) Catterson

## Letters...

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Carole Blixt

#### Joycelyn (Potter) Weber '41

Olathe, KS

Dear Sharron,

Sorry I'm unable to be at the banquet. My oldest granddaughter, Jamie Weber, is graduating from college on the same date. I'm hoping to be attending her graduation which is in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Joycelyn (Potter) Weber

#### Margie Thompson Shepker

Kearney, NE '51

Dear Alumni Members,

Guess it is that time of year again. I plan to attend the banquet this year as it is easier to get Saturday off now since I am manager of the Green Stamp as an R.N. at Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Springs. I'll

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in the Seattle area and it was a great vacation. My son thinks I should move out there but I

have been in Kearney 50 years and my girls all live in Nebraska, so I'm sure I will stay put.

Even though we aren't an honored class this year, I'm looking forward to seeing old friends again. Hard to believe we will have our 50th in 2001. How time flies when we are having fun. Ha!

Sincerely,

Margie Thompson Shepker

#### D.E. Pearson '44

Farmington NM

Don Pearson writes that they will probably not get to the banquet this year due to their oldest granddaughter graduating from high school. "We will be thinking of you all, though, at that time. Have a great alumni banquet."

Fern L. (Crogan) Russell '49

Lincoln, NE

Dear Sharron,

I thought I would write a little note to update you on what has been happening in the Russell household. We have four children, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

Russ retired from the Nebraska State Penitentiary a year ago last November after 18 years. I just retired in January from the National Bank of Commerce after 28 years. So far it has been great. Our youngest son (Mike) will retire from the Navy in two years so I thought I should be able to retire before him.

We have been living in Lincoln for twelve years and really love living here. There seems to be something to do if you're looking for excitement.

I am hoping to attend the banquet this year. I haven't been there since my fortieth.

Sincerely,

Fern L. Russell

Wendell D. Smith '51

Marfa, TX

Dear Sharron,

Greetings from Ruidoso, Texas on the Rio Grand.

Having lost my wife several years ago, I live alone in my RV. I keep busy with lots of wood working projects. I still do some "pickin' n' Grinnin'"...writing songs and growin' garlic.

This is an extremely lonely self imposed exile I have chosen and would love to hear from some white folks again.

Y'all have a goodern on May 24.

Wendell D. Smith

Candelaria Rd, Box 65

Marfa TX 79845

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Melvin E. Clark '55

Pennsylvania Furnas, PA

Sharron,

I am currently teaching at Penn State and will have too many things to do when the semester is over to plan any trips to Nebraska in May, so will not get to Arnold. We expect to put our house on the market this summer (finally), and move somewhere we can have decent garden, so May will be busy.

Melvin E. Clark

#### Alan Lavern Leach '48

Loveland, CO

Allen writes that he has retired and moved from Danville, Calif.

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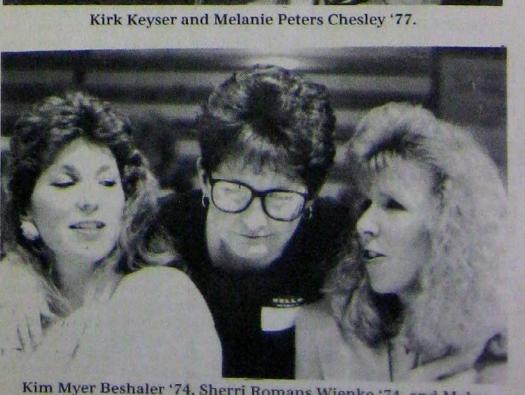
## Scenes From The '96 Banquet



Glen Troyer, Craig Halstead '74, and John Beshaler '73.



Kirk Keyser and Melanie Peters Chesley '77.

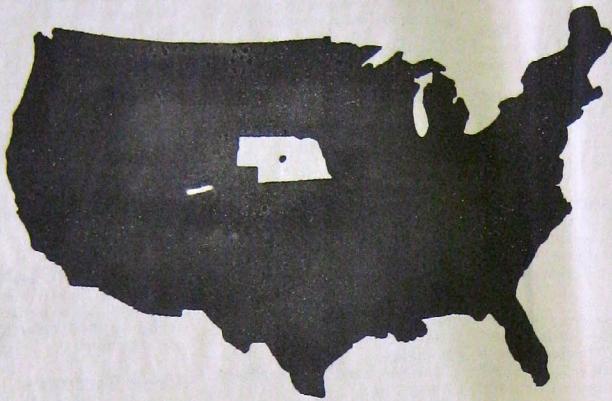


Kim Myer Beshaler '74, Sherri Romans Wienke '74, and Melva Scott Phillips '73.

Austin, Texas and I'm looking out over

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## Memorial Day Weekend...A.H.S. Alumni Reunion

### Annual Events...

*(That Keep Arnold Alive 'n Kickin')*

- March - St. Pat's Chili Cook-Off
- April - Easter Egg Hunt
- July - South Loup River Rock & Blues Festival
- August - Arnold Festival
- December - Santa's Visit - Lighted Housing Tour

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