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Steve Dennis Will Emcee 2000 Alumni Program

Master of Ceremonies for the 2000 A.H.S. Alumni Program will be Steve Dennis, Class of 1972.

After his graduation, Steve attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Following college, he began a teaching career at Wallace, Nebraska. From there he moved to Ansley, where he taught for 12 years.

Steve completed his administrative certification and moved to Creighton, Nebraska, where he was the elementary principal for the Creighton Public Schools.

For the past nine years, Steve has been the elementary principal at the Ord, Nebraska Public Schools.

While teaching in Ansley, he met his wife, Mary, a native of Atkinson, Nebraska, who was also teaching in Ansley. Mary teaches kindergarten, media, and physical education in the Catholic School system in Ord.

Steve and Mary have three sons, Benjamin, Andrew and Derek, who are all involved in all of the sports in Ord, both summer and winter. Steve particularly enjoys golf and fishing.



Alumni Program Emcee,
Steve Dennis

The family attends the United Methodist Church in Ord.

Steve says, "I would like to take this opportunity to invite each one of you to the Arnold Alumni Banquet on May 27, 2000. Take this opportunity to visit with your classmates, acquaintances, and friends."

Four Hundred Attend 1999 Banquet

They began arriving in Arnold as early as two weeks previous, to the big day - these Arnold High Alumni members - combining family visits with class reunions and attendance at the 1999 Alumni Banquet and program. They continued coming, until by the time they had all gathered on Saturday, May 29th, 400 persons enjoyed a delicious meal, and more joined the crowd for the program.

The guests spent time visiting, hunting up relatives, classmates, and friends and reminiscing about good old Arnold High preceding the program.

A memorial tribute for the deceased of the honored classes and those who had passed away since last year's Alumni gathering, entitled "No Friends Like Old Friends," was given by Pat Deterding Crow, with music by Dorothy Larreau and Winnie Shaw Pandorf.

An Arnold Public School Foundation report was given by Bobbie Smith.

Judy Gracey, 1999 Alumni president, welcomed the crowd and introduced the master of ceremonies, Donald Swanson, '73, of Omaha.

President's Words Of Wisdom...

Greetings and welcome to our first Alumni Greeting of the new millennium. We are looking forward to seeing each of you at our May 27th celebration. All the officers and committees have been meeting on a regular basis to provide a fun filled weekend.

A special thanks to Sharron Bean and Darlene Rimpley for continuing to work tirelessly to make sure that we have the best alumni celebration once again. Also, a big thanks to the local alumni who continue to do so much each year for the benefit of us "out of towners." Thanks to Kent DeLosh for the delicious meal he has planned, Dena

Mills for a great program, Duane Romans for providing a slate of officers, Geri Webb for soliciting door prizes, and Gene Tullis and committee for heading up our dance. Also, we need to say thank you to Steve Dennis for agreeing to be our master of ceremonies this year.

Because of all their efforts, you can be assured that we have a fine evening planned for you with an excellent banquet, entertaining program, and enjoyable dance. We are looking forward to a great time and hope to see you all at this year's Arnold Alumni.

Sincerely,
Bill Morrison

Alumni Of Their Decade

Five nominations were received for the *Alumni of the Decade* feature, and since they are all worthy of the honor, we will name them as Outstanding Alumni. Their service to the public, and what they return to the community, more so than their career, is the emphasis.

1920's

Ruth Brown Dunn '22
• Author of several books on

pioneer and Indian life, with the proceeds from the books going to the Sedgwick County (CO) Museum, which she was actively involved with.

• Donated many hours to the Lincoln County (NE) Historical Museum.

• Organized a teen youth group in Wichita, KS during World War II years.

• Active in youth groups in her church.

• Ruth, 95, lives in Ft. Collins, CO.

1960's

Ray Croghan '68

• Has served on the Board of Directors at Doane College, Hastings, where he has worked at gaining scholarships for Arnold students, as well as establishing a scholarship for an Arnold student to Doane.

• Ray is semi-retired from his own computer business, which developed computer programs.

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Reminders That Are Important

- Each alumni member can bring one guest.
- No children or high school students will be admitted.
- Each alumni member must pay 2000 dues.
- Consider paying several years' dues at one time, which will cut down on book work.

Candidates Needed

In order to keep the Alumni the great and wonderful organization it now is, we must have Alumni members who are willing to hold an office. It does involve some time, but it is necessary to hold a banquet and program each year. If you would consider holding an office, contact Secretary Sharron Bean.

Class of 2000

Fifteen members of the Class of 2000 will be inducted into the Arnold High School Alumni Association during the May 27th program. Several from this class are 3rd generation graduates, and one is a 4th generation graduate. (Key: 1 - Father is A.H.S. graduate; 2 - mother is graduate; 3 - grandparent or 3rd generation; 4 - great-grandparent or 4th generation).

Jennifer Allen
Courtney Beshaler-Gracey - 1,2

Wayne Bierman
Jailyn Carlson
Amber Conner - 1,3
Brynn Geiser - 1,3
Ashley Larreau - 1,2,3
LeAnn Larreau - 1,3
Matthew Lucas - 1,3,4
Adam McCracken
Justin Peterson
Zachary Sheets - 1,3
Cynthia Stoddard
Tracy Wienke - 2,3
Dallas Wyckoff

2000 Alumni Banquet & Program

Banquet Menu: Roast Beef - Baked

Potatoes/Toppings - Green Beans - Coleslaw - Rolls -

Cherry Cobbler - Coffee - Iced Tea.

\$6.00 (includes tax)

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

Program: "Arnold High Productions"

8:00 p.m.

Dance: "All Occasions"

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Civic Center

\$3.00 per person

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1999 Banquet

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2000 banquet and program are: President - Bill Morrison '55; 1st Vice President (program) - Dena Weinman Mills '83; and 2nd Vice President (meal) - Kent DeLosh '66.

And then it was on to the Alumni dance at the Civic Center, with music by Terry Fales.

But it didn't end with that, as honored classes held get-togethers on Sunday. And then there's the memories that will carry us through until next year when we gather again.

Alumni Of Decade

(Continued from front page)

Carolyn Lynch Duponchel '63

• Founder of Guam-Japan Friendship Association.

• Coordinator of Youth Representation for visits of U.S. Presidents Nixon, Carter, and Reagan, where she taught.

• Shared knowledge of Pacific Island cultures with organizations in Nebraska.

• Organized first Career Day at Arnold Public Schools.

• Active in Arnold Kinseekers, Arnold Business Officers elected to plan the

In Memorium

We do not lose the ones we love;
They only go before,
Where there is everlasting life,
Where sorrow is no more;
There the soul will always live,
And peace is everywhere;
We do not lose the ones we love -
God takes them in His care.

CLASS OF 1930

Emma Burke
Lucille Comer Peters
Nola Haught Trautman
Robert Holden
Marjorie Koch Brown
Leroy Lewis
Ila Luce Bemeth
Edgar McGuire
Donald Mills
Sylvan Mills
Charles Nansel
Herman Nelson
Willa Phifer Brummet
Margaret Pierce Lewis
Mildred Potter Smith
Leona Rice Gillham
Alberta Robinson Connelly
Marie Troyer Daniels
Clark Twiss
Dorothy Vogel Merz
Lowell Watkins
Vera Wilmeth Deterding

CLASS OF 1940

Clarence Andre
Joe Beckwith
Carl Christensen
Margaret Eastburn
Congrove
Dorothy Farmer Sellers
Ruth Forrester Miller
Lyle Geiser
Lemoine Knowlton
Vaughn Nichols
Maisie Pinnell
John Pope
Carl Sergun
Virginia Weinman Oberg

CLASS OF 1950

Jerry Dillon
Martha Hardin
CLASS OF 1970
Alfred Porter

DECEASED SINCE May 1, 1999

1923: Kenneth Downing
1927: Edythe Atkins Lindholm
1928: Mildred Robinson Waites
1929: Pearl Koening Gehrman
1932: Mabel Smith Nelson
1933: Esther Kelly Andre
1934: Era Mae Ervin Widholm; Christiana Morrison Brosius; John Pinkston
1939: Pearl Hutchens Andre; Glen Magnuson; Ardelle Nelson Zach; Veneda Zoerb Phifer
1940: Margaret Eastburn Congrove
1945: Beverly Phifer; William Jennings Rose (March 1999)
1948: Stanley Deterding; Bob Pirnie
1949: Wanda Ballard Staples
1953: Helen Slattery Thompson
1972: Dennis Dailey

and Professional Women, and Arnold Alumni.

• Brown Co. (NE) Historical Assoc.

• Active in many education advancement organizations.

• Lives in Ainsworth, NE, where she is principal of Ainsworth Community High School.

1970's

Debbie Bean Brosius '75

• Served on Arnold School Board.

• Alumni Secretary and Treasurer six years; 1st vice-president one year; helped with/was in many Alumni programs.

• Member of Charming Chicks Club, which especially promoted youth activities in Arnold.

• Chamber of Commerce, Community Theater, and the Arnold Area Theater Foundation Board member.

• Lends her talents to many Arnold activities.

• Life-long resident of Arnold, and is employed at Reed's Food Center.

Todd Smith '78

• Was a member of the Arnold Fire Department, manning the radios for many hours at a time.

• Was active in his church, particularly with the tape ministry.

• Photographed many Arnold scenes, and allowed them to be used for promotion.

• Was a photographer at Alumni banquets.

• Todd, who was a friend to all, passed away in July of 1997.

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Class Reunions

Class of 1940 - Will meet in the 8th grade room at the school at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Class of 1950 - Sat., May 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at DJ's Sun., May 28, gather at 2:00 p.m. at Bob and Mona Sargent Crow home for a barbecue.

Class of 1960 - Sat., May 27, 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center; Sun., May 28, 12:30 p.m. at Dwight and Brenda Sheets home.

Class of 1970 - Sat., May 27, 2:00 p.m. meet at Dave and Berni Crow home; Sun., May 28, 12:30 p.m. at city park for potluck picnic.

Class of 1980 - Sat., May 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Legion Hall.

Strasburg, Denver; Judy Morrison Groome, Lakewood; Carolyn Cole Geiser, Loveland; Anne Siebel, La Porte; Dan Nansel, Aurora.

WYOMING
Sharyn Overton Mischke, Cheyenne; LaClede Mills Morris, Cheyenne; Roy Troyer, Cheyenne.

ALABAMA
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Alumni Association Financial Report

INCOME:
Bar..... 342.35
Dance Income..... 437.00
Donation..... 144.10
Dues..... 1,102.00
Food Resold..... 322.69
Meal..... 2,803.00
Ne. Directory..... 204.00
O.S. Directory..... 48.00
Paper..... 40.00
Pictures Income..... 81.00
Postage Income..... 33.50
Program..... 72.00
Redeposit..... 700.00
TOTAL INCOME..... 6,329.44

EXPENSE:
Advertising..... 7.00
Banquet:
Food..... 1,629.79
Labor..... 144.38
TOTAL BANQUET..... 1,774.17
Dance..... 575.00
Labor..... 75.00
Postage..... 62.90
Postcards..... 496.14
Printing..... 199.50
Secretary Fees..... 893.02
Starting cash..... 500.00
Supplies..... 161.04
TOTAL EXPENSES..... 5,443.77

TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES..... 885.67

OUT OF STATE ALUMNI REGISTRY

(Continued from page 2)

Hazel Marie Mills Smith, Montgomery.

OHIO
Kenneth Downing, Sebring.

DEAN CUMPTON, COUNCIL BLUFFS; RAY PRESTON, GRISWOLD; JIM AND DONNA HARWAGER STORY, COON RAPIDS.

TEXAS
LILA BLIXT KITCHEN, BORGER; BEN STEELE, WYLIE.

OREGON
BONNIE SHAW REED, JUNCTION CITY; ELAINE NELSON MARTIN, HERMISTON.

MISSOURI
GARY AND SHIRLEY NANSEL BASSETT, CAMDENTON.

ILLINOIS
CORALIE FORRESTER ROGERS, HAWTHORN WOOD.

ARIZONA
NANCY ROMANS TURLEY, MESA; ELEANORE STORY (TEACHER), BULLHEAD CITY.

KANSAS
NICOLE MILLS KOUBEK, WICHITA; SHAWN PHILLIPS, WAKENY; MELODY LARREAU JENNINGS, BURDETT; DARRY WEBER, EDWARDSVILLE; BRAD CONNER, CLAY CENTER.

INDIANA
JERRI LEHMUKUHLER JENSEN, MARION.

SOUTH DAKOTA
LAURA LONG CHESLEY, PIERPONT; CHERYL FERGUSON BOWERS, SIOUX FALLS; DEE AND MARILYN BEST SCOTT, RAPID CITY.

MINNESOTA
LLOYD AND JEAN NELSON BELTZ, BLOOMINGTON.

NEVADA
MAURICE AND JACKIE GEISER SCOTT, MINDEN.

NEW MEXICO
DON PEARSON, FARMINGTON.

MONTANA
RUSSELL DILLON, BILLINGS.

ALASKA
JERRY STORY, WASILLA.

LOUISIANA
ROGER BEST, ALEXANDRIA.

Class of 1940

Julia Johnson Clizbe '40 Casper, Wyo.

Dear Sharron,

I graduated in 1940 (this will be our 60th) and I will be there.

Julie

Robert Watson '40 Holyoke, Colo.

Dear Sharron,

We plan to attend the banquet this year, so I've enclosed a check.

Robert

Pauline Jacobson Landreth '40 Broken Bow, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,

I've been thinking about dues, and I was sure I must be about ready to send some money. I will pay for six years and that will take me up to

our 65th anniversary. How about that for optimism!

Enclosed is a self addressed and stamped envelope to return the banquet tickets to me. Thank you so much for the reminder.

Sincerely,

Pauline

Sunbeam

BETTY PETERSON SCHUSTER '50
PHILLIPS, NEBR.

Hi Classmates,

I can't believe it has been 50 years. We were so young - we shouldn't have started school when we were three years

old! (ha ha)

Norman and I have enjoyed our retirement years: me playing cards and reading and Norman restoring old cars and both of us enjoying our grandchildren. Tess is 13 and Taylor is 11. They keep us young going to ball games, etc.

Becky, Ed, Tess and Taylor joined us on a trip in June, 1999. We visited a nephew in Italy then traveled through Switzerland, Germany,

was writing a letter for our 40 year reunion. Since another letter would be a repeat of what I wrote 10 years ago, I will just say I am looking forward to seeing all of you in May.

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Austria and on to the Netherlands to visit friends. We were gone for two weeks. I was glad to get back to the good old USA.

We hope to see everyone at the 50th class reunion on May 27th.

As ever,
Betty

Class of '50 letters
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Class of 1939: (3rd row, l-r) Joy Weinman Potter, Laura Long Chesley, Letha Mae Morrow Prendergast, Donna Shaw Chesley, Mary Alice Brittan Atkins, Lloyd Frosh; (2nd row) Meneda Zoerb Phifer, Lorine Bean Rutner, Mildred Bailey Smith, Elaine Nelson Martin, Winifred Shaw Pandorf; (1st row) Pearl Hutchins Andre, Bernadene Dennis Hoppas.



Class of 1949: (3rd row, l-r) Glendon Rosentrater, Robert Magnuson, Robert Kasper, Max Smith, Darry Weber, Luetta Patton Bassett, Darrell Olofson; (2nd row) Jackie Geiser Scott, Patty Beshaler Parks, Nona Phifer Hood, Rosalie Seda Turley, Janis Lindholm Life, Valetta Hunse Delahunt; (1st row) Fern Croghan Russell, Doris Williams Nelson, Eva Wonch Munnell, Ruth Romans Chrisp, Beverly Rimpley Pearson.

Joe Giles '50
Nevada City, Calif.
Dear Class Reunion Committee,

Thanks for the note reminding me of how time has flown. My good fortune, my health has stood, to-date, the test of time. Must be doing something correctly at last.

We had a great Christmas, spent it in Monterey at a hotel on the beach.

I will not make the reunion. We are in planning for a 1 to 2 month house trade with a couple from Banbury, England. The first month, unless things change, is May 2000 and the second, should that develop, will be June.

Please wish all the best for 50 year get together.

Sincerely,
Joe

Mona Sargent Crow '50
Arnold, Nebr.

Letters are coming from classmates and plans for alumni 2000 are abuzz. It's getting exciting looking forward to seeing everyone. Celebrating our 50th reunion in the year 2000 didn't occur to us when we graduated in 1950. See you at the banquet. Mona

Doris Hunse Howe '50
Tyler, Texas

Dear Classmates:

Hope you all are having a great Christmas season with family and friends. I just got back from Oregon where I spent 8 days with my daughter and family. My personal plan for Christmas is to go see a nephew near Waco. He has a small Methodist Church and will be having a Christmas Eve service. I will attend that with his family and return to Tyler on Christmas afternoon. On the 26th I am hosting a "gala" Open House for everyone that I know here who will be around. Giving parties is one of my favorite things to do.

We have three children. Dan and Lisa have two children, Matt and Meghan; Karen and Byron have a girl Mindy; and Janet. They all live here in town so see them often.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion in May.

Pat

Carolyn Cole Geiser '50
Loveland, Colo.

Dear Classmates:

Now that the Y2K transition is over and I will not have to live on the crackers and salmon I had stowed away, the next major event will be our 50 year reunion. The 40 year letter wasn't so hard to write, but remembering the last ten years is getting harder...

I retired from the Holdrege Schools in 1994 because of health problems. In 1995, I moved to Loveland, CO.

I have been spending my time doing volunteer work here in Loveland and spending time with my family. Two of my children

and their families live in this area. I have attended some Elderhostels and also taken some Coach tours...to the North Shore of Michigan, Parks of the Southwest, and Yellowstone in Winter (my favorite). I plan to go to New Orleans and the Cajun country of LA in March. Political action groups and church take up the rest of my time.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely, Doris

Patricia Hickenbottom '50

Council Bluffs, Iowa
Dear Classmates:

Hard to believe 50 years have passed since we were preparing for graduation and wondering what we were going to do in the years ahead. Have received the Alumni News each year and have enjoyed it very much.

After graduation I taught school for 1 year south of Arnold and after deciding that wasn't what I really wanted to do, I came to Omaha and entered Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. Graduated in 1954 then worked at Methodist for a year and after getting married in 1955 I transferred to Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where I worked until Sept. 1999. My days are now full of all the things that I didn't get done while working, such as crafts and babysitting.

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Ruth Edminster (Troebe)

Dennis Engleman

Charles Foran

Brenda Geiser (Olin)

Sulin Harter (Best)

Gordon Hoskins

Linda Hughes (Cox)

Suanne Mills (Lind)

Lorraine Morrison (Bobst)

Doris Nelson (Garrison)

Dwight Sheets

Judith Wilson (Barnes)

Beverly Wonch (Papagianis)

The following poem was

written by Jane (Ahrens) Tucker:

Lorraine is the first one in

this rhyme

You can depend on her to

always be on time

Dwight is next, his last name

is Sheets

In younger years he drove

the streets

Ruth is third in line, a pretty

young girl

Her dad sold jewelry,

perhaps even a pearl

Judy lived on a farm west of

town

She can fix your hair

whether it's black or brown

Paul is good in sports, that

we all know

He can kick the ball or give it

a throw

Doris is tall and blonde we

can see

She likes to pick fruit from

high in the tree

Charles is a farmer from the

word go

He plants the crops and

commands them to grow

Brenda is the petite one of

the class

She will always be a very

pretty, quiet lass

Sulin comes next, she has a

smart brain

She rides airplanes, boats,

and sometimes a train

Dennis - Doug - is the next

in line

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Class of '60

Poem

(Continued from page 4)

He can fix your phone, just

call him anytime

Jane comes from the farm,

she used to milk cows

Now all she does is stay in

the house

Suanne has red hair, of that

we are sure

She is a teacher, her life is

secure

Alice is the quiet one, her

face all aglow

You can find her in the

kitchen, baking a cake, you

know

Maurice is next, he can fix

cars

Whether they come from

Jupiter or Mars

Shirley comes along, she is

not quiet

Give her an airplane and she

can fly it

Linda is smart and very wise,

too

She lives in Mullen, way

beyond the blue

Mary is next, a very good

mother

Now ask her kids, they

would have no other

Now Gordon also comes

from the farm

He is very quiet, no cause for

alarm

Beverly is tall and very

straight forward

She can make you laugh,

'cause she is a card

Lynn is the ornery one from

our clan

If he can't do it, nobody can

This completes the class of

1960

If you ask us we'll say we are

nifty

The rocks were rugged, but

we managed to climb

Forty years isn't really such a

long time

With this thought we bid you

adieu

Teachers, underclassmen,

and other friends, too.

to the nerves in his legs,

making it very hard for him

to walk. Thus, he was forced

to retire, so I quit my job, too.

Now I'm working part time

here in Mankato at Sweden

Creme, a small fast food

place.

Connie is married to a

farmer and lives southwest of

Hastings. They are expecting a

baby in February. She also has

a son, Tony, by previous

marriage. Jerry is married

and lives in Kansas City,

Missouri. He and his wife

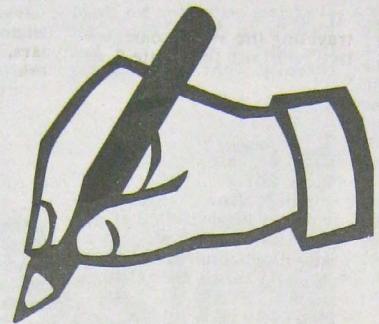
have 8 children, the oldest

one being 12 and the

youngest, twins, will be a year

old January 30th. They will be

having another baby in July.



**Remember that letter you intended to write?
We saved space for it....**

**The Alumni News
isn't the same without
your life story....
You really should have gotten it done!!!
Feeling guilty?
Next year - send it in!**

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a farrow to finish hog business. That worked well for us until last year when prices hit record lows. We downsized our hogs with the future uncertain for that business. I started working for Union Pacific RR in 1992, leaving Holly and the boys with a lot of the work here on the farm. With the cattle, hogs, and everything that goes along with them, there is always plenty to do.

All in all, it's been a pretty good 30 years. As for making my 1st million, it's looking like the lottery is my last hope! By the way, I've already heard "you're looking good," now I understand what they're saying!

Take care, Ed Tullis

**Ralph Aydelotte '70
Missouri City, TX**

Hi Dave,
- Where have 30 years gone? It doesn't seem very long ago that I was thinking graduation from Arnold High School wasn't going to happen soon enough.

After graduation, I joined the Marines. Recruit training in San Diego was quite a change for a farm boy from Nebraska. I knew the drill instructors weren't allowed to kill us, but there were moments that I wasn't sure they knew. During this enlistment, I was stationed in California, Hawaii and Vietnam. After discharge, I went to work for the North Platte Police Department. I quit after deciding the job and pay were not compatible with me. I reenlisted in the Marines and spent 2 years in Norfolk, Virginia. Near the end of my enlistment, one of my former officers who had retired, offered me a job in Houston and I accepted.

I have been employed by Fluor since November of 1977. Fluor is an international engineering and construction company. I work in the Facility Management department and am responsible for ensuring the elevators and escalators, lighting, fire protection and electronic security are working properly.

I am still single. No luck on finding the right woman so far. I am planning on attending the reunion and look forward to seeing everyone again. The pot luck dinner sounds like a good idea.

Ralph (Pete) Aydelotte

**Marvin Fox '70
Arnold, Nebr.**

It has been 30 years and I am still beating my head against the proverbial brick wall. Graduated from Mid Plains Community College in 1972 and went to work for Central Implement. Got started in farming in 1975. Put pivots up on the side for Central

Implement. Got married in 1977. Randy was born in 1979. Returned to Central Implement full time in 1981. Kristin was born in 1982. Gave up farming in 1986. Tried a couple of farm jobs from 1989-1995. Between the two farm jobs worked for Bob Conner on pivots. Then I went to work for UPFE in North Platte. Sold the farm and moved to town in 1996. UPFE transferred out of North Platte so started remodeling the house for nothing better to do. Transferred to the transportation division of UPFE in 1997. Got into engine training in 1998. Became certified to be an engineer in November of 1999. Now I am moving power units around the yards waiting to be added out to the road.

Wife Nancy works at Sandhills Manor in Broken Bow. Randy is attending Mid Plains Community College. He joined the National Guard his junior year of high school. Kristin will graduate Garden County High School at Oshkosh in May.

Marvin Fox

**Jim Lehmkuhler '70
Roseburg, Oreg.**

Dave and Norna,
I am a teacher and our school isn't out until June 7th, so I won't be able to attend the reunion this year. It would be great to be there and see everyone, but I will be looking forward to getting the alumni paper and hearing about some of you.

After graduating from Kearney State in '74, I taught vocal music in McCook for 2 years.

Our daughter, Lanae, was born in McCook in 1976, my wife Karen, and I decided to move to Portland, Oregon where I sold real estate for 3 years and then worked in a Saving's and Loan for 10 years. Our son, Marc, was born in Portland. In 1988 I returned to teaching and we moved to Roseburg, Oregon. We both teach at Myrtle Creek, Oregon, about 20 miles south of here. I taught elementary music for 7 years until the budget cuts came 5 years ago. I moved into a 1st grade classroom and now am teaching 4th grade. My wife has been teaching 1st grade.

We enjoyed teaching 1st grade's next door to each other for 3 years. That kind of catches you up on our professional lives. Our daughter lives here in Roseburg where she works in a hospital. Our son is currently in the Army in Hawaii.

Our main hobby is traveling. About every 2 years we get back to Arnold to see family and friends. Karen's family is from Broken Bow, so we spend time there also. As we are traveling to and from Nebraska, we try to take new routes to see more of our

beautiful country. We have traveled through all of the western states and after retirement (if it ever gets here), we hope to work on some of the eastern states. The last 2 summers we have enjoyed trips to 3 of the Hawaiian Islands. It's been great having a son stationed in Hawaii.

I hope all of you have a great time at the reunion. We are planning a trip to Arnold later this summer, so hopefully we will get to see some of you.

If any of you are ever traveling the West Coast, we live right off Interstate 5 in beautiful southern Oregon and love to have company.

Jim

**Shirley Struempler
Steelie '70**

Lexington, Nebr.
It seems impossible that 30 years have passed since our graduation from Arnold High School. Where has that time gone?

The summer after graduation I attended business school at Grand Island. After completing that in March, 1971, I went to Washington, D.C. where I was employed with the FBI for almost three years. While there, I met my husband, David Steele, who was in the US Navy. After his discharge we moved to Nebraska in November, 1973. We lived in North Platte and McCook before moving to Lexington in the spring of 1978. During that time I was a "stay at home Mom" to our two boys, Michael and Daniel.

Michael, age 25, and his wife, Colleen, live in Lincoln. He completed his Masters Degree in Accounting last December and accepted a job with Mutual of Omaha in January. She has been employed as a respiratory therapist at Bryan-LGH for two and a half years.

Daniel, age 22, is finishing a bachelor degree at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and will graduate in May. He also works full time at Wal-Mart in Lincoln. Another "daughter" will be added to our family in March when he and his fiance, Raconda, are married.

Shirley

**Bev Reynolds Williams '70
Friendswood, Texas**

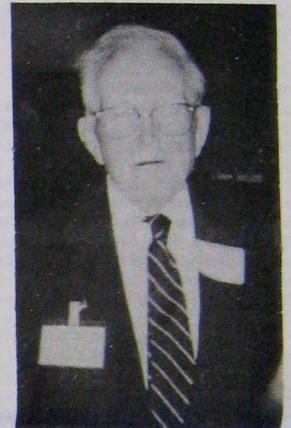
Dear Dave,
It's hard to believe that 10

years have passed since our last get together, let alone 30 years since graduation. I have not been back to any of the reunions since our 20th. So am really looking forward to seeing everyone.

We still live in Texas, in fact we are still in the Houston area and have just moved to the south side of town. We are now in Friendswood and have been for 7 years. Ray is still with Sears and I am working for Odyssea Transportation. We own and operate ocean going tug and barge units along with a fabrication shop that builds connection systems for the tug and barge business.

Ryan is 22 and a Senior at

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Kenneth Downing, Class of '23, at his last Alumni Banquet. Kenneth passed away in July of 1999.



The newest Alumni members attending the '99 banquet were the Class of 1999: (back, l-r) Zach Hager, Riley Pearman, Cam Weinman, Josh Crow, Eric Purcell; (middle) Mark Steele, Justin Strasburg, David Smith; (front) Christina Coleman and Kayla Leach.

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Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He is majoring in Agriculture Science and Development with a Wildlife emphasis. He is scheduled to graduate in December 2000. We are starting to hear noises on staying to get his Masters and if that happens he will be there another three semesters. He really enjoys the college and is doing very well. He loves to hunt and fish so that is what he spends most of his free time doing.

Paige is 17 and a Junior at Friendswood High School. She is very active in the band, plays the trumpet, and is a member of the FFA. She is on the judging team for FFA along with various quiz teams plus this is her second year to raise a pig for the county fair. She has gone through the Page Parks Modeling School and is a model for Intermedia Modeling Agency in Houston. She competed in the Miss America Pre Teen Pageant in Dallas last year. She advanced to the finals and received 2nd runner-up for Miss Photogenic. She is planning on competing again this year in the Teen Division. The pageant is in July in Houston this year.

Well, I haven't made my first million yet. Not that I haven't been working at it. Those Texas Lottery tickets just haven't paid off, yet. But you can never tell what will happen between now and the end of May. I may just get LUCKY!!!

I would like to say Thank You to Dave and Norna and all the other members of the Class of 70 that still live in Arnold for taking the time and putting forth the effort to make our reunion happen. It would be great if we were able to have 100% attendance.

See you May 27th.

Regards,
Bev

Donna Bruns Beardsley '62
North Platte, Nebr.

To the class of 1970:

As some of you may recall, my sister, Joyce Bruns, did not get to graduate with all of you as our mother died in March of her Junior year. I thought some of you might like to have an update on Joyce.

Joyce graduated from North Platte, Ne. high school in 1970. In June of 1979, she married Dan Dolan and they have resided in Omaha, Ne. since then. They have two children. Melanie, 19, is employed at a bank there in Omaha. Preston, 15, is a Freshman at Millard North. Joyce works at a cafeteria/catering service. Joyce has her own Gold Wing motorcycle that matches her husbands, so they do a lot of motorcycle riding. Although it seems the last couple years their free time is spent at the motorcycle racing track

watching their son, Preston race. Dirt Boy Dolan does real good, finishing in the top three most of the time. Mom, dad, sister, and Aunt Donna are very proud of him. Anxious about this year as he will be racing in the 125 class. Just thought some of you might like to know where she is at and what she is doing, in case she doesn't get to come to Arnold the weekend of the Alumni.

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See you in May, maybe.
Donna

Christy Olin Horst '70
Yorba Linda, Calif.

I just received the letter from you and Norna regarding the class reunion. My husband and I have made arrangements to be there. Looking forward to it.

Dave and I have been married for 26 years, have two children, Tyler who is 19 and attending USC this year, and Lyndsay, 16 who is a Sophomore.

We have lived in Southern California for almost 15 years now.

I work part time at a Country Club in the golf shop where I purchase women's golf apparel and do the merchandising for the shop.

I've been there almost three years. I enjoy working there. I don't have to fight the traffic as the club is right across the street from our house. Dave travels a lot with Mellon Private Asset Management, and we travel on his frequent flyer miles. We just got back from the Grand Cayman Islands, and had a wonderful time. We had planned to play the Sand Hills Golf Course when we came back in May, however, it won't be open for play yet. We love to golf and go skiing in Mammoth when we can. It will be strange coming back to Arnold, and not having Mom's house to return to. We miss her. I have been back to see Brian and family in Amherst, and Tim and family in Sutton last year. I hope that our 30th reunion is as much fun as Dave's was in Hastings. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends!!

Christy

John Ahrens '70
Moreno Valley, Calif.

Dave and Norna,

Thanks for the letter. Yes,

I am planning on attending the

festivities in Arnold this year

and yes, I'd enjoy a potluck on

Sunday. Thirty years is a long

time and there has been a

good deal of water under the

bridge since 1970. Here's a

general update:

I've been married to LuAnn since 1979 and we have 3 children, Anne - 19, John - 17, and Laura - 11. We live in Moreno Valley, CA, which I describe as the last suburb of LA as you travel east. Moreno Valley was incorporated about 1985, so your maps may still show Sunnymead, which was one of the original small communities that combined to form Moreno Valley.

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I cherish many wonderful memories, experiences, friendships during those 4 years at good ole' Arnold High. One outstanding event I will also remember was our Senior "Sneak Day." What fun we had. Also, our Halloween pranks (trying to find a "2 holler" to bring in town, playing in the high school band on my squeaky violin, but I got buy. But my love in music is my piano. I still play it. And, I don't want to forget how a gang of us would hang out at the ice cream parlor after the football games. Oh, I could go on and on telling about some of our experiences, but it would take too much time.

Before I married James I worked and lived in North Platte for seven years. Before that I went to college at Mid-Plains for three years for Legal and Medical Secretary.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Main

Letters...

Neola Clark Holiman '47
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Dear Sharron,
Was glad to receive your card about the Arnold Alumni. I had lost the address as to where the dues were to be mailed to.

We have moved to a townhouse in Lee's Summit, Missouri, just four miles from where we lived before. We are now both enjoying retirement.

Won't be attending the alumni, since my mother passed away and my Aunt Margaret Chapin, it's hard to visit Arnold.

Neola

Beverly Horn Townsend '53
Harbor City, Calif.

Dear Sharron,
I wish I could make it back for the banquet, but can't this year. I am sending my money for the Alumni News however.

I am a great-grandmother now. My daughter, Terri's daughter, Tiffany, had a baby girl Jan. 15, 2000, Victoria Elizabeth. They live in Colorado and I want to go see her this summer.

I plan on returning in June 2001 and then I am going to move to Colorado and live with my daughter and her husband. My three sisters all live in Denver.

I hope there is a good turnout for the banquet and tell everyone hello.

Beverly

Venetia Geiser Petska '29
Orange, Calif.

Dear Classmates of '29,

Two years ago when I attended my 68th class reunion, I definitely stated I would return again on my 70th. What a disappointment it is that my plans have been changed. Due to unforeseen circumstances at this time, it would be very difficult for me to travel.

I will sure miss being present and seeing friends and classmates of '29. I am not aware of how many of us are left. However, my thoughts and prayers will be with those who are not with us.

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and in my spare time try to help James with the farm. We have 3 kids: Jamie 5, Kellie 4 and John 2. Jamie started pre-kindergarten this year at Stapleton Public School, she really enjoys it.

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Sincerely yours,
Karen Main

Mrs. William Jennings Rose for William Jennings Rose '45

Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Sharron,

I am writing to inform you that my husband, William Jennings Rose, passed away March 3, 1999. Bill and I married in August of 1973.

Bill went in an emergency to the Long Beach Community Hospital. They found he had an aneurysm in the aorta. The doctors operated, he died on the table. It was a tremendous shock to all. He loved life, and was a healthy, happy go lucky guy.

Bill never met a stranger. His travels, while in the Merchant Marines, took him to many parts of the world. He was a giving man in every way, and loved by all who knew him. He often spoke to me of his friends in Arnold. We attended his 50th class reunion in 1995 and had a ball! In spite of the pouring rain.

Bill left a stepson, Paul, and a daughter-in-law, Heidi. We were so thrilled to have a beautiful granddaughter presented to us August 3, 1999. Our very first grandchild!

We hoped to make the trip to Arnold this year - but sometimes one's hopes and dreams do not materialize. Wishing you well & much happiness,
Chris Rose

Lorane Wiley Mitchell '52
Celeste, Texas

Hi Sharron,

A little late getting this off - have been really busy this year. I keep my great-grandson David often and am trying to get a business started in Leonard, Tx. It will be a clothing boutique and will probably keep me really busy. Have had a lot of changes in my life in the past 4 years but God has shown His grace and Love through all. Would like to come up for the reunion but don't know yet if that will be possible. Say "Hi" for me if I don't make it. Hope you and your family are all well and prospering.

Of course, our next move was to the grocery store - try to plan for a big Sunday dinner, chat with ole' friends and discuss their friends and gossip. Ha. Then, at midnight it was homeward bound.

God bless you all,
Lorane

Lynn Power Keyser '62
Tryon, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,

Just sending my dues. Thanks for doing a great job. Also if you need anyone to do welcome tables or something like that, I can help.

Thanks,
Lynn Power

Leroy Pope '42
Riverside, Calif.

Hello to all Alumni and friends in Arnold. We hope to attend a banquet sometime soon, but always seem to be busy that time of year. This year is out, as we will be in Colorado Springs for our grandson's graduation from the Air Force Academy the

Enjoy - Love and Best Wishes to all.

Venetia Geiser (Petska)

end of May. Maybe - God willing - we can make it for the Class of 1942's 60th in 2002.

Shirley and I are well and have fond memories of our years in Arnold and Stapleton. Until later we will keep track through the local papers.

As Ever,
Leroy Pope

Letters...

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do - staying in touch with the far-flung alumni. Do enjoy The Alumni News.

I hope to make the banquet by 2002 - that would be 55 years for the class of 1947.

Say "hello" to all who make it this year from the class.

Pat

Jerry Fitzgerald Miller '63
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Sharron,

I am not sure if I will be attending the banquet this year, but I definitely enjoy receiving The Alumni News.

I still live in Greeley, Colorado, working for the same company for the last thirteen years. I can't complain. Life has treated me pretty good. I still love to water ski with my sister, Kerry; enjoy going to Las Vegas; and spending as much time as possible with my granddaughters.

Our class of 1943 said we would try and make it every 5 years. We won't be back this year for the banquet.

Tell all hello for me.
Thelma Myers

Pat Giles Mitchell '47
Redding, Calif.

Hi Sharron,

Thanks for all the work you

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Joe Lester '28
Marysville, Wash.

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Marion (former teacher) Fuller and John Nelson '45.



Joanne Sailor '60 and Ervan Groves '59.

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Hell of a note - but I guess it's good for old engineers like me who know how to build. Bye for now.

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Pat Struempler Wathen '71
Hastings, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,

I doubt we'll be attending the banquet this year, as my 30 year reunion will be next year. Thank you for all the time you put into keeping the alumni active.

Pat Wathen

Loren Scott '76
Marietta, Calif.

Dear Sharron,

Thank you and the rest of the dedicated officers and everyone that works so hard to keep the Association going. I will not be able to make it back there this year, but I do enjoy reading the Alumni news every year. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Loren Scott

Wendell Smith '51
Sanderson, Texas

Dear Sharron,

Back to business as usual, now that Y2K has arrived silently in the night without even a squiggle on the seismograph of human existence. I know many were sorely disappointed.

In March '99 I moved up off the Rio Grade 200 miles northeast. I'm relieved and thankful that I never got caught up in that Y2K survival mania syndrome.

If you should run onto anyone interested in a stack of cave digging tools, a three thousand gallon water tank, a 5 kw gas powered generator and two hundred cans of corned beef hash - I can make them one heckva deal!

Good luck and God bless.
Via Condios Amigos,
Wendell D. Smith

Class of 1940

Hulda Irene Bay '40
North Platte, Nebr.

Dear Alumni,

My name is Hulda Irene Bay. My maiden name was Hulda Irene Long. The year I graduated was 1940. I am still married to Raleigh (Rollin) Bay. In two years on November 14th, we will be

Welch, Former Superintendent Passes Away

Jack Welch, Superintendent of Arnold Public Schools from 1952 to 1958, died April 13, 2000 at Beatrice.

He was a teacher and coached football, basketball



"Come on through and we'll give you some tea." Lois Witthuhn '78, Dale Leach '65, and Carol Peterson Leach '69.



Melva Scott Phillips '73 and Deb Bean Brosius '75 hard at work.



Cleo's family: Penny Crow Strasburg '73, Cleo Spratt Deterding '27, Justin Strasburg '99, and Pat Deterding Crow '53 - four generations.

Classes Challenged To Invest In Future Of Their Alma Mater

The Arnold Public School Foundation was formed in 1995. Its purpose is to provide funds for education, including funds for scholarships (\$500.00 scholarships will be awarded this year to two graduating Arnold seniors).

Classes are challenged to have their class year engraved on the Foundation Plaque of Honor, displayed at Arnold Schools. Some classes have chosen to make their donation a memorial for a former class member.

The Foundation has a six-member Board of Trustees to oversee the investment and disbursement of funds. Only the interest is spent for recommended school programs, such as the Accelerated Reading Program, scholarships or as designated by the donor. Officers for the ensuing year are Ruth Conner, president; Melanie Chesley, secretary; Ken Wehrman, treasurer; Bobbie Smith and Eldon Christensen. For more



Old friends visiting: Nona Phifer Hood '49 and Ardis Clinebell Rahe '44.

information, contact any of these officers.

Donations to the Arnold Public School Foundation from January 1999 until now are:

Richard & Lois Ferguson
1999 - Friend

LV & Ruth Conner
1999 - Donor

Class of 1959
1999 - Donor

Class of 1954
1999 - Donor

Cheryl Paulson Haynes
Memorial
Family & Friends
1999 - D

Mark Cole
Cheryl Paulson Haynes
Memorial
Class of 1969
1999 - Donor

Lawrence "Bud" Morrison
Sophie Joy - Nels Morrison
Anna Glaze
Memorial
2000 - Donor

Class of 1997
2000 - Donor

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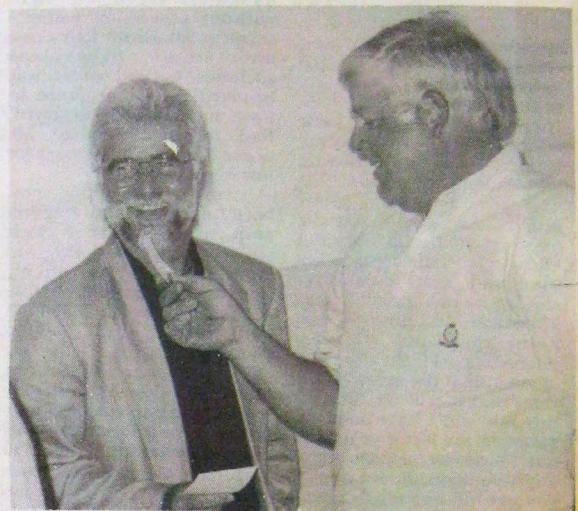
Each Year That Rolls Around...

We get the sweetest comfort...When we wear the oldest shoe...We love the old friends better...Than we'll ever love the new...Old songs are more appealing...To the wearied heart - and so...We find the sweetest music...In the tunes of long ago...There's a kind of mellow sweetness...In a good thing

growing old...Each year that rolls around it...Leaves an added touch of gold.

Author Unknown

Welcome Home,
A.H.S. Alumni
for the 2000 reunion!



"Who did you vote for?" Rick Beshaler '71, and Eldon Christensen '69.

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Swanson, '73, of Omaha, hold a pancake feed to benefit

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