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Snow Week melts the Winter Blues

BY JENNY L. AREL



As the January days pass so slowly, CHS and RRHS students look forward to the tradition of "Snow Week". Snow week typically features

several class competitions, crowning of Snow King and Queen, and sporting events. Here's a reflection from a few Snow Days. . .

CHS 1972 Snow Week themed "Redskin Revolution" honored the hockey, swimming, basketball and wrestling teams. Various activities included hockey vs. Fargo North, Clash Day sponsored by the student council with everyone wearing the claggiest costume possible, a bake sale sponsored by the PEP Club, hootenanny at the Y-Gym featured Mike Tangen under the



CHS'79 Snow Week featuring "Sticky Faces in the Pie Eating Contest"

supervision of the cheerleaders, button day, pep rally with spirit signs for class competition, swim meet at Red River, basketball game with Jamestown, and the All-City Wrestling meet.

New Features live up 1979 Snow Week at Red River High School...new features included the dating game and a basketball game between the girls' team and the faculty. The final score showed faculty winning 48-47. Another attraction was the grudge match between the girls' swim team and the football team with each team competing in some very unusual swimming events.

The customary activities included the nomination and election of Snow King and Queen and a talent show. Rod Jensen and



Larry Durand and Greig Watson do a stand up comic routine as an extra treat in the talent show for Red River Snow Week.

Vicki Mattson were crowned as Snow King and Queen.

The talent show was won by Volume I, a newly organized vocal group. Brad Sherwood, Scott Larsen, Dana Young and Tom Young were the members of the talented ensemble. Tim Rood was second, and third place went to Denise Pearson.

It's the Right Temperature for Snow Week at Red River High School in 1985...

Monday kicked off with the announcing of the nominations for Snow King and Queen: Brent Moen, Steve Grove, Scott Marquardt, Mike Vannach, and Mike LaMoine, Colleen Doce, Susan Campbell, Jill Lein, Stephanie Sanford, and Kim Loven.

Tuesday featured a pep rally, kissing contest featuring LoRae Lizakowski and Janie Muscari, who volunteered to be blindfolded and kiss nine guys. Scott Lundeen turned out to be the best kisser and won a silver crown along with, appropriately enough, a bag of chocolate kisses.

The annual "dating game" occurred in the commons after school. The lucky couples



Paul Gilberg crowns Rod Jensen Snow King at the coronation assembly.

received a free dinner a La Farmer's Inn.

Thursday was nerd day, with Peter Youngs asking people to admire his Kleenex collection. Chris Tiongson took a satirical look at things through a Ronald Reagan mask.

Perhaps the greatest disappointment of the week was the cancellation of the annual Snow Week dance. Mr. Dunphy was unable to find enough teacher chaperones. With the mercury dipping 25 degrees below zero and the wind chill close to negative 80 degrees, Snow Week was a welcome respite from the mid-winter blahs.



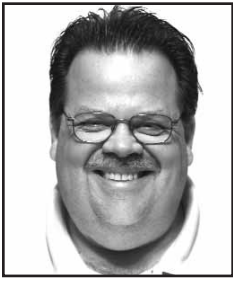
ABOVE: Debbie Bunde and Nikki Marquardt poses a question to bachelor #1

BELOW: Kim Borgen and Stephanie Meyer cuddle Judd Shaft



There's No Place Like Home

BY EDITOR
GREG NELSON, R'75



Growing up as a child in Grand Forks, it was always a treat when my dad and mom suggested that we go for a weekend drive in the car. More often than not, our travels would take us north on Belmont Road, where the trees formed a canopy against the afternoon sun, but held in the gentle cooling breezes that rustled the leaves. The tires of my dad's Chevy had that rhythmic "patter" as they tickled the grooves between the granitoid blocks that covered the street of one of Grand Forks' most scenic roadways.

Downtown Grand Forks in the mid-1960's was a fantastic world for young and old. It seemed like a person could get just about anything they wanted at Woolworth's, from a bolt of cloth and thread to a hamburger and fries. I always enjoyed sitting at one of the stools at the lunch counter, watching

people, and having a Coke. Down the street was Black's Bakery, where the smell of freshly baked caramel rolls pulled you in off of the sidewalk and the shelves and cases were full of almost any cake, cookie, or roll that you could imagine. One of my favorite stops, while my parents shopped at JC Penney, Silverman's, or Griffith's, was Benner's Toy and Hobby Shop and the model trains that wound their way through the store. I could watch those trains for hours. Our last stop was always the best-Widman's Candy Store. You never wanted to stop there first, especially in the summer, because the heat might melt your chocolates, unless you ate them first. In either instance, you



would go home with no chocolate, so it was best to make Widman's your last stop.

The Widman family has been in the candy making business for four generations, with Betty and George opening a third generation store in Grand Forks in 1949. There are two other Widman's Candy stores, one in Crookston and one in Fargo. All three are operated by George and Betty's children-Dan, C'77, George, and Carol, C'70. From what I remember of my younger years, the Widman's store of my youth and adulthood look basically the same. My dad always liked the hard candy and licorice, but he treated the rest of us to an assortment of chocolates to share with each other. We had to put them out of my little sister Pam's reach or she would bite the corner off of each piece of candy and put those that she didn't like back into the box for the rest of us to "enjoy". Some of the traditional Widman's candy hasn't changed since 1949 when Betty and George boxed up their first pound of chocolates.

year-old love story began when they were married in 1945, after a long distance courtship. George was in the Navy and Betty was studying nursing at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago. After the end of World War II, Betty and George returned to Crookston to help George's father in the candy business. In 1949, the Widmans brought their sweet treats across the river to Grand Forks and their reputation as world-class chocolatiers grew from year to year, as did the number of different chocolates in the huge glass cases. The most famous of the Widman's chocolates are the chocolate covered potato chip, or "Chippers". They come deliciously bathed in light, dark, and white chocolate, as well as peanut butter. The light chippers are my favorite, along with the chocolate covered "blueberry zingers" and cranberries. The Widmans also have chocolate covered Fritos, coconut, caramels, toffee, nuts, and even jalapenos. And as my not-so-trim figure will attest to, I've had the good fortune to sample them all.

So, fellow alumni, the next time

Betty and George's sixty-three

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Just Jim

BY FEATURE WRITER JIM HAUGEN, C'51



On Physical Work

Life is strange

Your perspective changing
With time
In my youth
Engaged in
Hard physical work
For money
Because
I needed it
Necessary
For college
Yet
Difficult
Daily
Getting up
Repeating
What I had to do.

Lifting
Climbing
Carrying
Bricks
Concrete blocks
Cement sacks
Heavy pails
Shoveling
Sand
Gravel

Dirt
Hammering
Nails
Breaking
Concrete
Chiseling
Stone
Pushing
Wheelbarrows
Heavy loads
Tired each night.

Looking back
Recall
Long days
Hot sun
Ninety degrees
Sometimes more
Shirt off
Sweating
Thirsty
Drinking
Water from a hose
Sore muscles
Relishing
Body's capabilities
Appreciating
Physical accomplishments
Growing into manhood.

Retired
Older
Continuin
To enjoy
Physical labor
Around the house
Painting
Repairing

Remodeling
Landscaping
Building decks
Raking leaves
Shoveling snow
Not for money
Not having to
Straining my body
Working up a sweat
Tiring muscles
Aching
A man
Feeling so alive.

The Red Cent

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that you’re in town for a visit or a reunion, take a trip down “Memory Lane” and make a sweet stop at Widman’s Candy on South Third Street for some of the world’s best chocolate and candies. You won’t find Widman’s candy for sale on the internet, but they will ship to you world wide as long as you have a credit card. Just phone George, Betty or Dan Widman at (701)775-3480 and they will get your candy on the way to you.

Widman’s Candy is another one of the many facets in the “Grand Forks Jewel” and when reminiscing with old friends about growing up in Grand Forks, think of the time that you spent at Widman’s Candy Store and remember, “There’s No Place Like Home”!



Central Class of 1961 Potluck Reunion

by Judy ALPHSON Nelson, C'61

“HIGHSCHOOL.” Just the word conjures up a barrage of images and feelings. But “first ever high school reunion with sixteen (out of twenty-seven) girlfriends” stopped me dead in my tracks.

Because Los Angeles is so far away from Grand Forks and my job was so demanding, I had never made it back for any of Grand Forks Central Class of 1961 reunions. So, when out of the blue an email arrives from Sara FRITZELL Hanhan and Diane Plath announcing a reunion of two potluck groups at a lake near Bemidji, I was delighted, then a little anxious and then...well..really anxious. All those thoughts and feelings about reunions that have been written about a bazillion times came flooding to my brain.

In my post retirement career as an Executive Coach, my time is my own so of course I could go-and immediately put the July 14-17 dates in ink on my calendar. We were gathering to have a joint celebration of 2008-the year when all of us turned, yes, SIXTY

earlier, my biggest worry was temperature. So, as usual, I was ready for just about any weather, but, of course, every outfit had to be tried on and tested for “look good!”

There were many other issues that swirled around in my brain. Would I recognize everybody? Would they recognize me? Would I show more proof of aging than everyone else? What about old arguments or gossip? Did my teenage thoughtlessness leave scars on any of these ladies? After reminiscing about high school, would there be anything left to talk about-for THREE DAYS?! Would we have anything in common? No answers presented themselves. Just more questions.

Instead of trying to answer the questions, I decided to ask some and invited those interested to be guests on my weekly web radio show. Some touching and hilarious moments with Sara, Diane and Laurae followed. (FYI, my radio theme music is from Laurae's album with her trio, Fleur de Lis. She plays the harp which she learned at the ripe old age of fifty-seven-and beautifully!) To hear the interviews, go to www.blogtalkradio.com/coachjudynelson and check out Archives.

All of a sudden it was July 14 and time to fly to Minneapolis where I stayed the night with the Sturgeons and rode with them to Sara's lake home the next day. As usual, the Sturgeons and I had a great time together as we have at least twice a year since graduation. The last few miles were a little tricky but



FIVE-and I would be making that momentous step with them on my birthday, July 17.

Regular emails began coming about the details of the reunion and who was planning on attending. Each name stirred up brain cells I didn't remember I had: Laurae JOHNSON Lygre, Cindy STEFANSON Baumgardner, Jeanne (Gina) MASSEE Finch, and, of course, my lifetime buddy, Pam AULT Sturgeon and several more.

Thinking back nearly fifty years, my first recollection was of music: Dwight Sherwood, the Choraliers, “Oklahoma,” “Showboat,” “South Pacific.” For some of the rough times, singing was always the place where I found comfort and safety. I hoped we'd get a chance to sing together.

More emails came giving reunion specifics, including activities planned and directions not just for getting there but for living at the lake with a septic system. Since my sister-in-law has a home at Lake Bemidji, I stayed with her and missed out on some of the joys of almost twenty women spending nights with two bathrooms, a portapotty and instructions to bathe only once. (As it turned out, I also missed out on an afternoon of singing songs from those Sherwood productions and dancing and Lois WEAVER Kehoe jamming on Sara's old grand piano.)

The weeks preceding the trip were filled with: what else: WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?! After fifty years, you'd think that question would have been put to rest, but guys, it's just a girl thing. It never rests! Having nearly frozen to death on the Fourth of July staying at Leech Lake many decades

finally we pulled in the long, wooded driveway. Now the predictable anxieties flooded back.

There was no activity outside the house, except for Ruff V, who was identical to the dog I remember at Sara's house on Reeves Drive. We knocked on the door, and there was Diane Plath with a warm welcoming smile. Big hug and then over her shoulder I saw Cindy, then Julie CHRISTEN Smith, Pam WASHBURN, Laurae, and Diane MUUS Sullivan. By then we were in the dining room of Sara's warm and welcoming home. Big grin and hug from Lois WEAVER Kehoe. Next to her, there were three people I didn't recognize but thought they might be next door neighbors stopping by. However, after looking into their eyes for several seconds, I did recognize Julie GOTHBERG Dietzler and Donna LANES Hintze. The other two were a mystery. Finally, one said, I'm Sue REICHE Beiers, and the other, I'm Maryanne MCELROY Hanson!

In the kitchen, hustling up the grub, there was dear Sara. A priceless hug and some choking up as the moment seemed to sink in. And then the buzz. Steady for the next two days. Pam and I were a day late in arriving so we had to catch up on everything that was said the day and night before. Nobody seemed to mind hearing stories the second or third time around as we were all so hungry to get reacquainted. “Remember when...” filled the air. The dining room table was filled with fifty years of photos so there was always a group there, laughing at old hairdos or

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Handprint on My Heart



It's February, and the ground is still covered in its coat of winter white. But, the days are starting to get warmer and jealously holding onto the daylight longer. And before you know it, it is the time of hearts and flowers and sweethearts and lovers-it's Valentine's Day.

We all remember that certain couple from high school-seemingly forever joined at the hips and the lips. They were the couple that when they held hands, walking side by side, only cast one shadow and were seemingly destined to be together for eternity.

If you are one of those couples who have been slow dancing to the song of love since high school and are still “sharing that same shadow”, I'd like to hear your life's story and share it with the rest of the “Red Cent” readers in the May issue. And, if you've been to a class reunion and reconnected with that “first love” or “lost love”, I'd like to hear and tell your story as well. Tell us about your life of love and how it began in the halls of Red River, Central, or Community High and how the love that you share has become a “handprint on your heart”.

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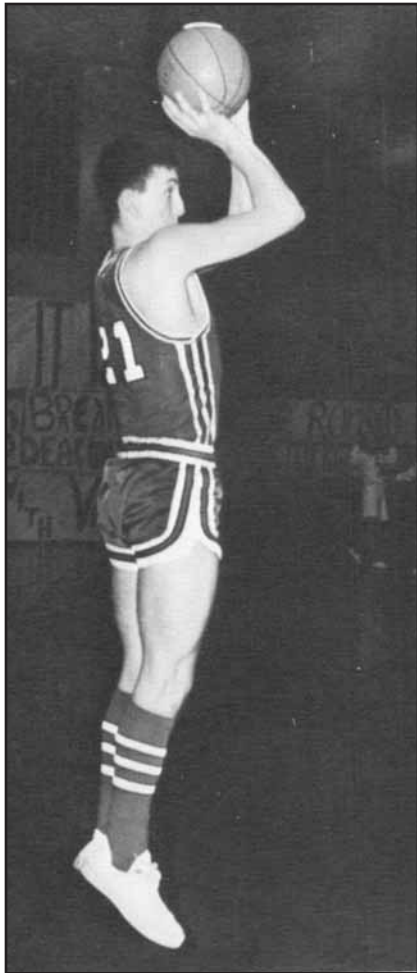
Expression of Thanks

BY JUDD BLAIN, C'53



Beaty, my wife, and I were engaged just before our graduation from college in the spring of 1957. We planned to come back to Grand Forks so I could introduce her to friends, family, and our culture. At the last minute, I was offered a job, “I just couldn't refuse” in Jersey City, NJ; so, after checking with my mother, Beaty came out to Grand Forks-on her own. Peter Gunness, coming home to Fargo, drove her out from her home in New Hampshire (Tom Armstrong, C'45, later brought Beaty back to Sault Ste. Marie in his Cadillac!).

Though I had not been at home in Grand Forks very regularly, I just trusted that my beloved would receive a warm welcome and learn to appreciate “my people.” And that is exactly what happened. You scooped her into your arms, got her a job, saw to it that she met you and got to your picnics and parties, into your homes-into your remarkable care! What a great bunch you are! Whether you ever met her that summer, you were all part of that soft, warm landing for Beaty. Thanks.



Then and Now

To the left, is the 1905 Central Girls Basketball Team. Below, the 2008 Central Girls Basketball Team...a proud tradition carries on!

2008 Team

Back Row, L to R: Kayla Letzring, Coach Hintz, Lacey Petersen, Caitlin Farroh, Megan Hammer, Vanessa Eiski, Coach Burris, Coach Maffin. **Middle Row, L to R:** Courtney Bunde, Leah Tunseth, Miranda Bushaw, Jozy Hansen, Kari Novotny, Haley Labahn. **Front Row, L to R:** Sara Sweeney, Courtney Hammer, Sara Plath, Kim Bushaw, Katelyn Renden, Rebecca Fee, Tasha Goettle.

1969 State Champs

As a member of Red River's championship team, senior Ray Mulvey, pictured left, concentrated on one thing, putting the ball in the hoop!



Central 1961 Boys Basketball

Ron Bergh, C'63, is the first to recover a loose ball during the Grand Forks vs. East Grand Forks game at the UND Fieldhouse. The 1961 team went on to take fourth in state.

Today's Sports: Rivalry Slump Snapped

Excerpted from Tom Miller's article in the Grand Forks Herald 1/7/09.

Red River's three-year grip on the Gambucci Cup, which goes to the top boys' hockey team in Greater Grand Forks, appears to be slipping. And Grand Forks Central looks to be the heir apparent.

Aaron Hatt scored a hat trick and Justin Moody had two goals and two assists as the Knights beat Red River 7-4 on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at Purpur Arena. It was Central's first win over Red River since 2005.

"This is the first time the guys in that locker room got to taste what it's like to win this one," Central coach Tony Bina said.

"The last time Central beat Red River, Jason Stadstad was on the team," said Moody, a junior forward. "That means a lot to us. This is an awesome feeling." The Riders opened the game the way many of the past

intercity rivalries have gone. Red River took a 3-1 lead 5:18 into the second period. Said Bina: "We didn't get away from the plan. We just regrouped and went back to the system."

And in the end, it meant the Knights beat the Riders for the first time in four seasons. The game was close throughout despite the final score, as the Knights scored two empty-net goals late.

Today's Sports: Red River Skates Past Central

Excerpted from Tom Miller's article in the Grand Forks Herald 1/29/09.

Forget the key conference victory. Forget the possible postseason implications.

The Grand Forks Red River boys hockey team simply didn't want to be swept by rival Grand Forks Central. And behind Aaron Meland's 29 saves and Jake LaDouceur's two goals, the

Roughriders prevented a Knights sweep with a 3-1 win Thursday, January 29, 2009 in Purpur Arena.

The Riders improved to 9-3 in the East Region and 11-6 overall. The Knights, who had a six-game winning streak snapped, dropped to 7-2 in the region and 10-5 overall.

"Red River limited our scoring chances," Central coach Tony Bina said. "They did a pretty good job defensively. They didn't give us many lanes to the net. They bunched things in the middle. "And I thought Meland played a really nice game. He controlled lots of rebounds and didn't give us many second chances."

It was a vastly different finish from the first rivalry game, which saw Central score four third-period goals for a 7-4 victory.

"We didn't give Central as many chances," Malm said. "We didn't let them walk into our zone."



Central 1980 Pop Singers

Central's 1980 Pop Singers took part in the Ninth Annual Pop Concert. Many hours of hard work and practice were involved in producing the concert. Other groups including the Centralian chorus, stage band, orchestra, group ensembles, and some soloists performed.

Pictured Front, L to R: Sue Bostrom, Kay McGurran, Melissa Nordlie, Karin Snortland. **Second Row, L to R:** Bebe Hillier, SueEllen Knudson, Snadee Schmidt, Diane Roos, Robyn Ewing, Kari Peterson. **Third Row, L to R:** Steve Foss, Steve Saari, Mitch Olson, Director Al Gratz, Jim Dalglisch, Bill Flynn, Scott Zogg.



Symphony Plays On

Members of the Central 1967 Symphony

First Row: Edith Summers, Beth Davidson, Beverly Oliver, Tom Larson. **Second Row:** Nancy Cornatzer, Susan Smith, Mary Severson, Phyllis Lanes, Debbie Davidson, Georgia Hill. **Third Row:** Bill Travis, Melinda Johnson, Jane Jarman, Sara Smith, Karen Lynch. **Fourth Row:** Mary Hertsgaard, Scott Branvold, Mike Garner, James Clayburgh, Brenda Hall, Director Mrs. Mary Osterfield, missing, Karen Ford.



Central 1958 Solo Class

To the left, Judy Thompson selected "The Lord's Prayer" as her solo and is shown singing it accompanied by Barbara Schroeder.



Central 1947

To the left, the orchestra rehearses for "Pirates of Penzance" under direction of Leo Haesle.

Central 1938 Instrumental Quartet

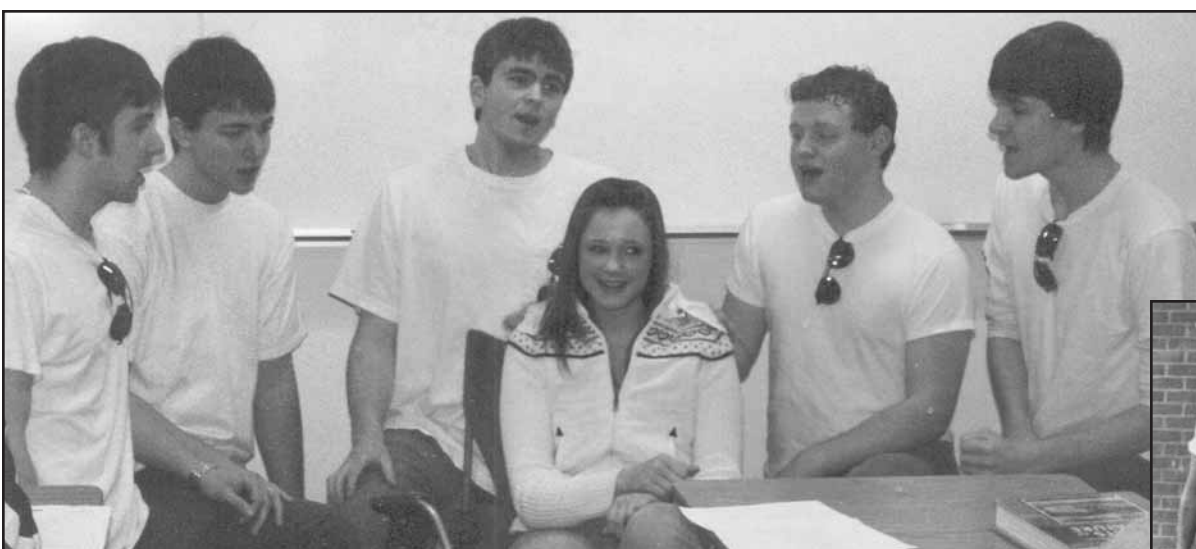
Under the direction of Mr. John Murdock, the instrumental quartet developed outstanding ability.

The group is composed of (L to R) Stewart Olson, Hubert Lunseth, Edith Aaker, and Dale Ness.



Red River 1982

To the right, senior Lisa Guntzburger adjusts her reed in the bandroom.



Red River 2008 The Manatones

Above, Daniel Wiebusch, Brock Moser, Dan Christianson, Jace Beehler, and Alex Guy serenade a classmate.

Red River 1973

The Shower Room Four

Below, R. Hansen, M. Flom, Dave Weston, and Tim Cross take choir to a whole new level!





to Bottom, the R'77 cast: B. Brown, B. Vaaler, K. Kuhn, G. Russell, P. Jacobs, D. Iverson, D. Anderson, A. Bakke, J. Nelson, G. Hellem, E. Delbridge, C. Brumleve, M. Stevenson, M. Miner, J. Falkanger, K. Dooley, R. Clayburgh.
Row 2: B. Waller, K. Jackson, P. Olson, J. Jacobson, A. Haugen, T. Larson, B. Fontaine, K. Egstad, K. Hagan.
Row 3: K. Forness, S. Plissey, J. Simons, D. Waterman, D. Ray, D. Sorenson, S. Manthei. **Row 4:** A. Young, J. Kuefler, B. Hellem, L. Edwards, L. Newman, K. Brorson. **Pictured to the right, L to R:** Bob Clayburgh, Sherryl Lee and Mary Preus seem to enjoy the antics of Robin Jensen as she portrays Dolly Levi.

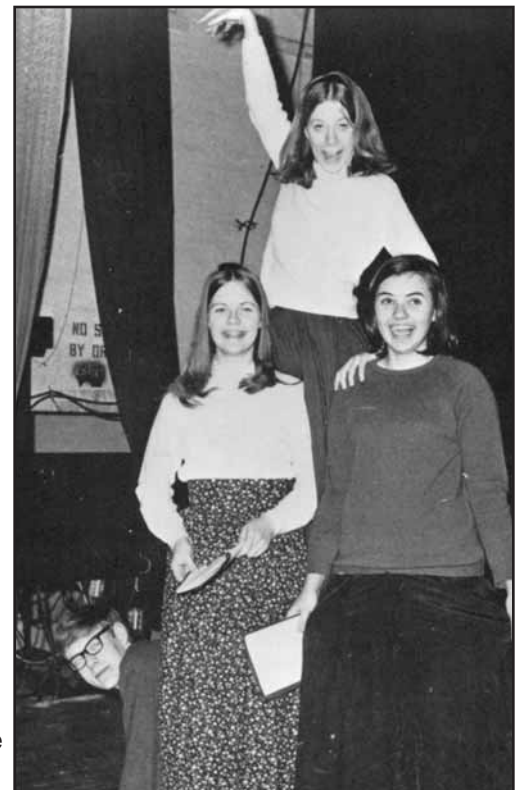
“Hello Dolly!”

A rave at both Central and Red River!

First, Central, in 1970, marked thirty years of musicals at the school with their production of “Hello Dolly!” directed by Al Reller, Al Gratz, and William Pond.

Seven years later, in 1977, Red River undertook the exciting, humorous and extravagant show. Ken Sherwood was music director, H. Douglas Fosse was drama director, and the student director was Bruce Vaaler.

Pictured Above, Top



Red River 1969 “Rivals”

Pictured Above: Tom Varberg, as Sir Anthony Absolute, gallantly interferes with Sir Lucius O’Trigger’s, David Goodman, moment of glory.

The junior class presented the comedy “State Fair”. A story about the Frake family at the fair to show their pigs and pickles. The cast included,
First Row, L to R: Brooke Baukol, Claudia Gullickson, Susan Wilson, Mary

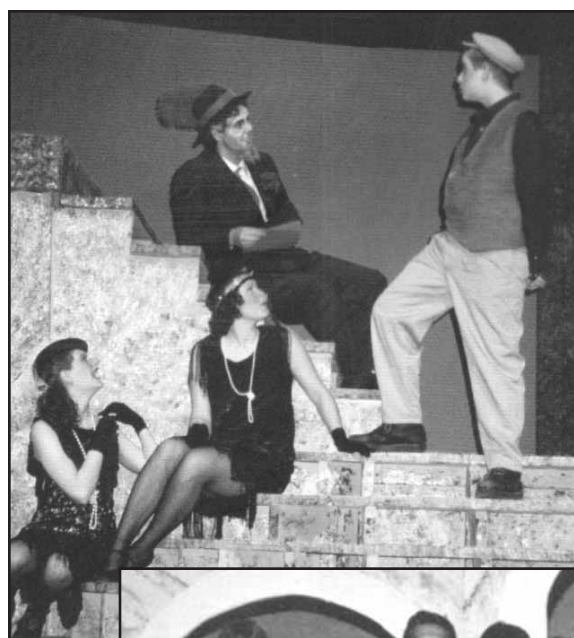
Oliver, Judy Meissner. **Second Row, L to R:** Neil Hensrud, Ken Kubat, Paul Vondracek, Fred Johnson, Ron Bannack, Fred Hyman.

Central 1957 “State Fair”



Shakespeare through the Ages

Central and Red River have both undertaken the challenging works of the master playwright.



**Red River 1998
“Much Ado
About Nothing”**



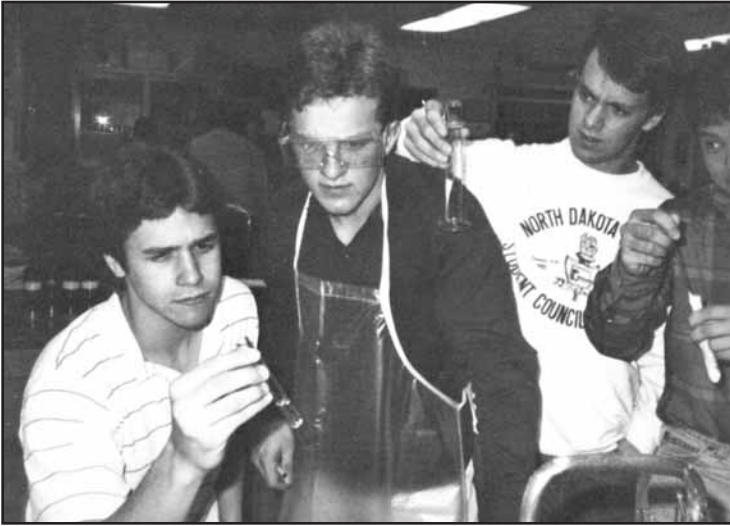
**Red River 1983
“A Midsummer’s
Night Dream”**

Pictured Left: The relationships between Demetrius (Daren Tompkins), Helena (Christina Jacoby), Lysander (Rod Opp), and Hermia (Linda Cote) seem to have turned sour.



**Central 1987
“Taming of the Shrew”**

The cast included, **Pictured Lower Left, Front Row, L to R:** Nathan Irwin, Jason Christenson, Stephanie Hill, Scott Conrad, John Griffith, Anne Sankey, Chris Browning. **Middle Row, L to R:** Marlo Cochran, Nathan Dalager, Mr. Christenson, Brenna Murphy, Greg Gaides, Vikki Johnson, Aida Monijo, Sarah Lieberman. **Back Row, L to R:** Chris Randall, Scott Kelley, Matt Hollifield, Missy Sachs, Andi Meyer, Bill Wehrs, Jeff Antes, Tim Galloway, Haluk Ceyhun, Dennis Cutshall, Beth Moran.



Red River 1987 Chemistry Class

Above: "What is it?" wonder Darrin Muggli, Jason Spaeth, Pete Mikkelson, and Bob Doce.

1960 Central Math Club

First Row, L to R: Mr. Pletan, Loren Olson, Pat O'Connell, Pat Altman, Barry MacKichan, Gay Dybwad, Ralph Logan, David James.
Second Row, L to R: Ralph Wheeler, David Sande, Art Molvik, Jim Peterson, Darryl Fahey.



Central 1966 Curling Club



Central 1947...What the Girls Won't Think of Next!

Pictured Above: Barb Stangler, Wilma Hewitt, Marian Stjern, Judy Jacoby, and Marcia Smith.



Young Love through the years.



Above: This picture, taken from Central's first annual, shows a couple from 1911.

Below: Melanie Larsen, R'84, and Johan Englesson share a quiet moment together at Red River's 1984 Prom, "We've Got Tonight".



1961 State Basketball Tournament

Basketball fans pause during half-time of the 1961 State Basketball Tournament to buy refreshments and rest their hoarse voices.



Today's School News

Fourth graders at J. Nelson Kelly have made a connection with friends in Europe!

Mrs. Erickson's fourth grade students have been exchanging letters with students at Hafslundsøy Primary School, in Sarpsborg, Norway (Grand Fork's sister city). Students here and in Norway are excited about this partnership and the opportunity to discover how similar they are! Mr. Mike LaMoine, Principal of J. Nelson Kelly, hand delivered a DVD greeting created by Mrs. Erickson's students to their penpals during his recent

visit to Sarpsborg. Mrs. Tori Johnson, Mrs. Erickson and several Grand Forks Public school teachers and employees have been involved in wonderful partnership with educators from Sarpsborg.



The pen pal program is a result of a collaborative effort between the cities of Sarpsborg and Grand Forks, the school districts of both cities and the University of North Dakota to promote peace, learning, respect and understanding between Norway and the US.

The Fall 2008 visit to Sarpsborg by a delegation of GFPS teachers and administrators provided new information, more contacts and more opportunities for the students and staff of both communities. Students look forward to developing a life-long friendship with their pals in Norway!

Source of Happy Memories

By Guest Writer Janet CHRISTIANSON Pung, C'61



When I was growing up in Grand Forks on Fourth Avenue of Tenth Street, my neighborhood had so many great things for a kid to do. First off, there were the gigantic railroad yards across the street from our house. I spent endless hours watching the many trains going through our neighborhood. Of course, I had to wave at every engineer who was looking out their window. It's as though I knew each one by name.

Then there were the stock yards that housed rodeo animals. They brought with them the cowboys who had such exciting lives traversing the country. The stockyards were a great summer hangout and a great imagination builder.

The stockyards also housed human hobos or bums as we called them. My mom would save newspapers that they would use for "blankets." She would also give them cans of beans for their meager lunches. I often imagined what it would be like to be a "Boxcar Family," riding the rails through the USA. A block or so away from our house was the Grand Forks Chief's ballpark. All summer, this was a great draw for the neighborhood children. I knew all the players and even had a set of homemade baseball cards with all their important stats listed. If we didn't attend a Chief's game, we always listened to it on the radio. We could hear the live roar of the crowd from our porch, which made the game much more exciting. Belmont was our neighborhood school, now Phoenix after the flood of 1997. We had a great Girl Scout troop at Belmont.

It was Troop 96 and we scouts formed a strong bond which is there today.

Members met at United Lutheran Church and took many field trips throughout the community. One of our field trips was to the telephone company which is pictured



Above: Cousins, Elaine Ruud, C'58, and Janet CHRISTIANSON Pung, C'61, rockin' and rollin'!

behind the row of scouts in the photo below. We also studied pottery making at UND and hiked and cooked out at Turtle River State Park. This neighborhood is now gone just like many of the Grand Forks neighborhoods of the 40's and 50's. What fond memories remain!

I was fortunate to grow up with two cousins **Barbara FEIST Ruud, C'55,** and **Elaine THORFINNSON Ruud, C'59.** We spent every holiday together and had fun while the grownups talked. Since I'm an only child, I enjoyed our time together. One summer, Elaine and I even took the Empire Builder to Minot to visit with our relatives. What an adventure! Grand Forks was a wonderful place to grow up, and it will always be a great source of happy memories.

I live in Roseville, MN with my husband, Victor. I am a Life Nationally Certified Piano Teacher, a jewelry consultant and a dance teacher for the Roseville Park and Recreation.



Girl Scout Troop 96, Belmont School, visiting the phone company. Pictured L to R: Peggy Crawford, Carol Fish, Janet Christianson, Maxine Stenseth, Ann Marie Jeglum, Julie Gothberg, Beverly Storaker, Marjory Johnson, Joyce Ploof, Diane Muus, Janice McLeod, and Carol Hagen.



St. James Class of 1963 Reunion

The St. James 45th class reunion was held August 8-9. It was wonderful! The dates of the 50th class reunion are September 20-22, 2013. Plan to be there if you ever were in our class! People came from both coasts to attend and here's hoping that more of the Grand Forks classmates will be there.

Gene Schafer, one of us base kids like me, gave the most heart warming speech because for those of us coming from other schools, we never felt so welcomed as GF made us feel.

Mr. Horejsi, a math teacher and coach was our guest speaker and we realized he really wasn't that much older than us! Thanks to the Red Cent for giving us this way to keep in touch. We always look forward to "our paper" arriving.

Pictured Left: St. James Class of 1963, Homeroom

St. James 45th Reunion, Pictured Right: Top row, L to R: Leo Gregoire, Larry Capouch, Bill Dubuque, Dave Johnson, Gene Schafer, John Maves, Doug Scraper, Mr. Horejsi, Dean Moen and Tony Glimsdahl. **Bottom row, L to R:** John Fortin, Barbara HOREISH Reigstad, Peggy IRWIN Pazderic, Barbara OLSON Moen, Sandra MONDRY MacKichan, Joan KIEFFER Lockhart and Dan Hill.



Scandinavian Adventure

Mary Beth LANGORD Ingvoldstad, C'63 recently spent a month in Europe with her husband, Carl. They visited Carl's family in Denmark, Mary Beth's family in Sweden and then both Ingvoldstad and Langord families in Hamar and Tretten, Norway. Here, Mary Beth enjoys a visit with her cousins Kai, Torger, Randi, Frøydis and Åse. She was also able to find her Great-Grandmother Torbjør Oyan's farm-



stead in Telemark, Norway before they flew to Prague to enjoy a 12-day Viking River Cruise up the Elbe River to Berlin.

OPPONENTS REUNITE



Steve Bergstrom, R'72, and John Pladson, C'72, were opposing centers on their basketball teams. Still buddies after all these years, they got together for a Red Sox - Mariners baseball game in Seattle with Greg McGraw, R'72. Steve and John could fill a basketball lane at 6'5" and 6'6".

Now, they can fill an archway at Greg and Joni's ZIMMERMAN, R'73, house.

Top Picture, L to R: John Pladson, C'72 and Steve Bergstrom, R'72.

Pictured Right, L to R: Greg McGraw, R'72, John Pladson, C'72, and Steve Bergstrom, R'72.



Saying Goodbye to Yankee Stadium

Harold King, C'54, and his wife, Barb, visited New York on July 21 and July 22 to say goodbye to the home of Harold's beloved Yankees. Pictured on the Right: Harold at Monument Park. Pictured Below: Harold and Barb King.



OHIO LACROSSE HALL OF FAME

Ron Ryback, C'65, receives a plaque recognizing his induction into the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Ron is joined by his wife, Shirley, and his daughter, Laurie.



LUNCH BUNCH

Members of the Grand Forks Central Class of 1950 have been getting together once a month for the last fifty years! Pictured in the Back Row, L to R: Jean KNUDSON Danner Thompson, Marilyn SIVERTSON Berg Abbey, Donna HELGESON Burris, Dona PETERSON, and Joanne TOBIASON Baglien. Pictured in the Front Row, L to R: Mary Lou MOORE Korfhage, Eileen SIMONSON Nelson, Eleanor COSS Thompson, and Lois LARSON Fontaine. Photo submitted by Eileen SIMONSON Nelson, C'50.

Educators

Jack and Ellen Gray, of Grand Forks, celebrated seventy years of marriage with a large gathering. All of their family, including three daughters, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren, came together. Jack taught at Schroeder Junior High School. Ellen taught at South Junior High School and Central High School and is a Teachers Hall of Fame Inductee. Between the two of them, the couple taught in Grand Forks Public Schools from 1962-1982.

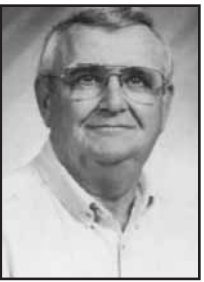


Ellen Gray, retired teacher

Jack and Ellen's daughter, **Susan GRAY Caton**, C'64, teaches at Head Start in Missoula, MT, teaching three year olds. She was chosen Montana Head Start Teacher of the Year this year.

Ellen retired in 1982 and then worked at UND in the mailroom for five years. Ellen has since volunteered at the Dak-Min Blood Bank one day a week.

Maggie, C'59, and Art Hillman, of Grand Forks, are enjoying retirement. Maggie was an elementary teacher in Grand Forks for thirty-five years before retiring in 1999. Art taught industrial technology at South and Red River for thirty-seven years, retiring in 2000 and again in 2001, after returning to teaching part time.



Art and Maggie spend their summers traveling to Cass Lake where they have a camper. They try to get in at least one trip every year. Last year, they traveled to Maine. In January, the couple heads to Mesa, AZ for three months. They see lots of Grand Forks people when they go to O'Sullivan's to watch UND hockey on the big screen. While in Arizona, they visit their son, **Mike**, R'99, in Newport Beach, CA.

Maggie is looking for-

ABOVE: Art Hillman, retired teacher

BELOW: Maggie BRETT Hillman, C'59

ward to her fiftieth class reunion in June 2009.

Dale and Peggy Koppelman, of Union Lake, MN, share that Dale retired in 1997 after teaching band in the Grand Forks Public Schools for twenty-six years. Peggy retired in 1999 after being an elementary library/media specialist in Grand Forks for twenty-seven years. Since 2005, when they sold their home in Grand Forks, the couple spends four months in Mesa, AZ and the rest of the year at their cabin on Union Lake near Erskine, MN...it's a good life! Dale and Peggy's three children, all graduated from Red River and live in the Minneapolis area. **Lori**, R'80, and her husband, Steve, live in Robbinsdale with their eleven year old twins, Claire and Simon. **Michael**, R'84, and his wife, Cindy, live in Golden Valley, and have a four year old son and one year old son. **Kurt**, R'85, lives in northeast Minneapolis.

In September 2008, Dale and Peggy took a cruise to northern Europe, Denmark, Germany, Russia, Estonia, Holland, and Finland. They then spent ten days visiting a niece and family in Mons, Belgium and two and a half days in London. Peggy shares that it was an enjoyable time.

1940s

Orrin Westberg, C'46, would like to know what happened to **Faye Douglas** of Belmont Road, C'46, and her friends!



Orrin Westberg, C'46

1950s

Terrence McCosh, C'58, of Seattle, shares that his research on the "Good Ship Lollipop" has been published in "Skyways, The Journal of the Airplane 1920-1940," #85, January 2008. Also, "Seattle Metropolitan" magazine, June 2008, carried an interview in which he rails against excessive, misdirected, and annoying outdoor lighting. A supporting treatise appears in "National Geographic," November 2008. He has articles on the subject

appearing in the "West Seattle Herald" and website: Dark Skys Northwest.

Harold King, C'54, of Rockford, IL, writes that he and his wife, Barb, said goodbye to Yankee Stadium on July 21 and July 22, 2008. The Yankees played the Twins and swept the series. Barb is a Twins fan, but Harold writes that he has followed the Yankees since 1944. Says Harold, "My American Legion teammates back in Grand Forks in 1950-1953 could attest to that!" Harold and Barb also spent half a day at the Yogi Berra Museum in Montclair, NJ.

Harold recalls that the one pennant winning year for the Grand Forks Chiefs (Northern Class C League), while he was growing up, was 1948. The Chiefs were a Yankee farm club that year and their catcher was Arnie Giebel. (Arnie was Harold's son, Don and Greg, high school baseball coach in 1978-1979. Don was also a catcher.) The GF Chiefs hosted the Northern League All-Star game in 1948. They brought in many sets of extra bleachers for the game at Municipal Park. Harold remembers that they were 5,000-6,000 people in attendance. In a side note of interest, **Arthur Evju**, a 2008 inductee into the Teachers Hall of Fame, sold admission tickets behind the grandstand for all the Chiefs games for many years.

Ann LINCOLN Bradfute, C'55, of Fairborn, OH, shares she has recently taken a cruise to the Baltic countries and to Hawaii. Ann reports they were both fantastic! Ann's son, Eric, forty-eight years old, is a mechanical engineer. Her daughter, Sheila, forty-six years old, is an electrical engineer. Ann's other daughter, Eileen, forty-four years old, is a licensed pastor in the Methodist Church. Ann recalls the big snow that occurred in Grand Forks way, way back,



Ann LINCOLN Bradfute, C'55

Two Kids Who Graduated in '79

BY Jim & Teresa LANGER Conkli, R-79

Wow, what a year! I find myself remembering the election of Jimmy in 1976. I see difficult times ahead like everyone else. And yet, with all of that going on, I know that the friendships Teresa and I made back in Grand Forks, North Dakota will continue to grow. We are looking forward to vacations with old and new friends in the coming years, especially our thirty year reunion on July 24th and 25th.

I also find myself forty-six years old, flying to meet my daughter's future in-laws in Napa Valley, California with my wife of twenty-seven years, Teresa LANGER Conklin, R'79, writing to you all. Thanks to God, Life has been good, is good and will be better! Just look at my beautiful wife. We look forward to watching sunsets with each other sitting in our rocking chairs. That is a long way off in the future, at least another thirty years. LOL

O, don't get me wrong, Teresa and I have experienced all that life throws at you, us and everyone that graduated from high school twenty-nine years ago. We have seen births, deaths, illness, victories, losses, new friends joining our lives and old friendships fading away. All of that put together is what makes that history of who we are. Yet, none of those experiences should be used as an excuse for who we are today. Teresa and I are God's Children, Proud Grandparents and hard working adults in our community. We love working with young people most of all and the fact that they let us be part of their lives is great.

Teresa and I are just two kids that graduated in 1979 with an unemployment rate over 15%. Yet we have made a home here in Iowa and have had good times. Teresa is working with small children at the local public schools and enjoys part-time work at a nearby daycare in the afternoons. I am working as an engineer, high school soccer coach and involved in politics. Our children, Martin & Neanna, are out and doing well in Iowa and Martin has given us two wonderful blessings, Maddie & Penny. We love our granddaughters so much it is not describable in words.

Yet with all the activities, Teresa and I are still just kids, in love and looking forward to the thirty year reunion of the 1979 Red River Class. God Bless all of you and SeeYa there.



Jim Conklin, R'79 and Teresa LANGER Conklin, R'79

when the fifteen foot drift across her street was made into a tobaggan run. In the spring, she remembers the blooming lilacs and in the summer, the mosquitos, of course. Ann writes that Grand Forks was a wonderful town to grow up in...small enough so you could get around by bus or bike, but big enough for the Artist's Series.

Richard L. Ludtke, C'59, of Bemidji, MN, has returned to playing the fiddle after dropping it in high school. Richard and his wife, Karen, have two adult chil-



Richard Ludtke, C'59

dren, **Scott**, R'89, and **Andrea**, R'90, and two grandchildren. Richard, a professor emeritus at UND, and Karen retired to their lake home in July.

Richard remembers that growing up in Grand Forks the wind never stopped in the winter. In the summer, he shares they swam at the Riverside pool twice a day in the summer.

Joan ESPLIE Fakhoury, C'58, of Canyon Lake, CA, shares that she enjoyed coming back for the Central Class of '58 Reunion



Joan ESPLIE Fakhoury, C'58

Alumni News, continued

and seeing such a large turnout of people after fifty years. Joan's family also had a large reunion at Christmas with her son's family and her sister's family. Joan keeps busy as Vice President and Program Chairman for the Canyon Lake Art Association.

Her memories of Grand Forks are that of an

artist who can admire the beauty of the falls with the many colors of autumn leaves. The winter, as cold as it gets, is beautiful with the white snow on the pines, especially around Christmas!

Judd Blain, C'53, of Deerfield, MA, writes about some "fiftieths." He and his wife Beaty celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They also enjoyed Judd's 55th Class

Reunion...it was a lovely event in Grand Forks. Judd says, "No wonder I've always felt I had a privileged youth. Great kids in our class!"

Judd feels he was blessed with a loving and warm mother, warm and loyal brother and sister-in-law, a milagra, "miracle," of a wife, four healthy, able kids who brought home good and interesting spouses and made ten grandchildren. Judd and his wife, Beaty, have both enjoyed interesting work. Beaty worked as a teacher and principal and Judd as a teacher, dean, and Episcopal priest. Judd shares that while he has never found the answers to life's persistent questions, nor been celebrated for anything in particular, nor even made much money, he feels every single day has been worth the run!

The most lasting activity, kindled in a great tradition in Grand Forks, has been ensemble singing. Judd also recalls **Miss Sorbo** teaching the discipline required to love her adopted language. And, **Doc Winter** working countless hours off the clock to help Judd save his academic face in chemistry. Judd's recent reunion prompted warm personal memories, but also memories of freezing! Playing football on fall Friday nights, desperately trying to pass a cold, hard football to the quickest running back he's ever seen, **Chuck Howlin, C'53**, while looking backwards, upside down between his legs without his glasses! Judd would like to reconnect with **Richard "Buddy" Granger, C'53, Mike Quigley, C'53, Ron Rudrud, C'53, always, Riney Goehl, C'53**. In truth, he writes, he knew/knows some more closely than others, but the whole lot of his classmates, many recently visited, were/are wonderful people.

1960s

Patti A. MANDEL Taube, C'60, of Rancho Mirage, CA, is retired and spends six months in Ranch Mirage and six months in Chicago. She shares that in October 2008, she took a "wonder-



Patti MANDEL Taube, C'60

ful trip to Japan and China." She and her husband, Stan, are loving being grandparents to five grandchildren. A year and a half ago, they moved from Minneapolis to Chicago to be near their two daughters, Ali and Courtney, and their families.

Patti fondly remembers ice skating, hockey games, football games, Hob Nobs at the "Y," high school musicals, and singing groups. In the summer, it was potlucks, Maple Lake, and camp as a youngster.

She recalls performing in musicals, the "Bowettes" singing trio which also included **Susan Jarrett, C'60**, and **Cooki CHARLSON Gaston, C'58**. Patti's singing led her to continue involvement in music throughout her life with choirs, trouping theatre, musicals, etc.

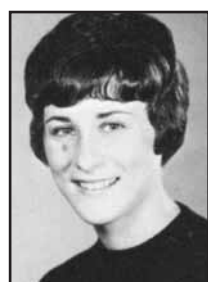
Mary Beth LANGORD Ingvaldstad, C'63, of Hidden Valley Lake, CA, shares she had a quick trip to North Dakota in August to bury her 103 year old Aunt Evie and 85 year old cousin Lovina in Harvey. She spent a little time in Grand Forks visiting her cousin, Muriel Weros, and Muriel's husband, Harley. They also visited classmate, **Pam Kjono, C'63**.



Mary Beth LANGORD Ingvaldstad, C'63

Jim Swanson, C'63, writes that he and his wife, Charlotte, live in Los Altos, CA. He also shares that his popular, progressive book, "The Bush League of Nations-the GOP's War on Iraq and America," can be downloaded for free at his website, www.bushleagueofnations.com, where Jim also blogs.

Bonnie ELIASON Larson, C'64, of Shawnee, OK, writes she and her husband, Chip, just learned they will be grandparents for the fourth time early this year. The



Bonnie ELIASON Larson, C'64

new grandchild will be a boy, their third grandson and they also have one granddaughter. Their granddaughter, Juleah Nusz, just won her first gold medal at the North American Cup Fencing Tournament in St. Louis. Juleah will be featured in "Southern Living." Juleah's goal is to attend the 2012 Olympics.

Bonnie remembers the cold of Grand Forks. She recalls fall and winter being cold, spring and summer being cold, with one hot day in August! One of the strongest influences on her life has been good old North Dakota work ethic...work hard, do a good job!

Susan Jarrett, C'60, of Lindenhurst, IL, reports that she has silently enjoyed reading about everyone in the Red Cent for years. Susan was divorced many years ago and is now recently retired. She is enjoying setting her own schedule and spending more time with her family, three grandchildren, and friends. The highlight of her summer was spending nineteen days in Greece and Italy with her brothers, **Jim, C'56**, and **John, C'57**, and their wives. It was a trip to remember for the rest of her life. In these troubling times, Susan is so thankful that she was born and raised in North Dakota where being stoic was a virtue most of us were born with.



Susan Jarrett, C'60

Susan shares that although all her years at Central were wonderful and memorable, she treasures the time she spent in chorus and musicals with **Dwight Sherwood** leading the way. Being part of the Junior Class Play, the Bowettes Trio (with **Patti MANDEL Taube, C'60**, and **Cooki CHARLSON Gaston, C'58**), and the Hob Nobs at the YWCA are very fond memories she has shared with her three sons and grandchildren over the years. Susan also shared how good it felt to grow up in Grand Forks feeling safe - where we didn't have to lock our doors or cars and where we could ride our bikes, take a bus, or walk just about anywhere alone. Life was more simple back then and Susan says she has to believe much better.

Ron Rybak, C'65 class, of Worthington, OH, writes that he was inducted

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What Being from North Dakota Means to Me

BY GUEST WRITER

Dr. Morley D. Glicken, C'58



Now that I live in the southwest I meet a lot of people from North Dakota. We always talk about the weather. The common wisdom is that if you can make it through a North Dakota winter ten years in a row, the chances are you'll live forever.

I remember walking to Belmont Grade School in Grand Forks on April 13, my birthday, and it was thirteen below. For some reason it made me gloriously happy, as if God had given me a special birthday present.

I was in Grand Forks the winter of the big flood for the Sioux/Gopher Hockey series and people were walking around downtown in short-sleeved shirts. It was forty-four below. My brother Harold called up the Grand Forks newspaper to ask what people did on a forty-four below day. The response was that they took a wet tee-shirt and threw it in the air to find out if it would freeze by the time it hit the ground.

We also talk about how people from North Dakota are the salt of the earth. You can't make it through grade school in North Dakota without some truisms being drummed into your head: Wear a hat in winter or all your brain power will fly off as rose pedals; drink twenty cups of coffee a day or risk freezing to death; eat fish even if it's disgusting because fish makes you smarter; eat carrots and you'll never need to wear glasses. Maybe you had different ones, but that's the wisdom I remember.

Maybe all of this dates me a little. Maybe it's not that way anymore, but in my mind, anyone who comes from North Dakota must be pretty special. More than special, they must be mythic. Is it my imagination or do I remember watching the Fighting Sioux play hockey in an unheated Quonset hut built for 3,500 people but actually holding 7,000, the smell of spirits so strong it actually took the chill off.

Or, is it my imagination that one UND Homecoming weekend the first day was twelve degrees, the second was seventy, the wind was so strong you couldn't open the door to your car, and all the way from Grand Forks to Minneapolis the airline captain kept telling Ole and Lena jokes and everyone laughed like crazy except my ex-wife who didn't get any of the jokes. You see the fissures in a marriage in many ways.

Maybe not everyone in North Dakota is as happy as I am about electing Barak Obama President but who would have thought such a thing could ever happen? It makes you think that the possibilities of being an American are endless. That's the most important lesson I got growing up in North Dakota: An optimism; a pride in who you are; a joy at making it through another endless winter; the beauty of a North Dakota spring; the delicious scent of lilacs on the last day of school; the Indian summers so beautiful you could pack them into a suitcase and carry them with you forever; the absolute indescribable joy at beating the Gophers in hockey, as if the game were an object lesson for every poor, ambitious, striving kid who dreamed of doing something glorious with his life and damn the impossible hurdles ahead.

That's what it means to me to be from North Dakota. As we face uncertain times, I hope the optimism that propels many of us old North Dakotans will push you along in this momentous new year, and that you will glory with me in the promise of spring and the renewal of life after this long, cold winter.

Alumni News, continued into the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He reports that he rooted strongly for UND when the NCAA Frozen Four came to Ohio State in 2005, but it was to no avail! Ron is married and his wife, Shirley, is a teacher in Columbus, OH Public Schools. His daughter, Laurie, is in law school at Florida International. Ron is working for a large engineering and architecture firm, Burgess & Niple, Inc. Retirement within ten years is hoped for!

Ron recalls football and the great shutout of Fargo Central in 1963 or 1964. He also remembers walking up and down University Ave. to and from campus in twenty and thirty below windchill. He enjoyed playing Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball. The best players he remembers were **Ron Bergh**, C'63, and **Alex Cooley**, C'64. The school experience that most influenced his life was all the support he received from **Coach Rio**, teachers, and friends when he suffered a kidney injury during football in 1964. He especially thanks his lab partner, **David Silverman**, C'65, for saving his chemistry grade.

1970s

Kay PEACH Culver, C'78, of Grand Forks shares that attending her thirty year reunion last summer was a blast. She enjoyed seeing everyone from grade school and junior and senior high and reminiscing about old times.



Kay PEACH Culver, C'78

Kay works as a clinical research assistant at Altru Cancer Center. She has been with Altru for almost

eighteen years. Kay's husband, Art, is a paramedic supervisor at Altru. Their daughters, Kourtney (12) and Kaitlan (9) keep them busy with many activities.

Kay has fond memories of the special friendships she formed, as well as hockey games and supporting a great school. She is pleased to see that support continue at Central. Being part of a great tradition at Central influenced her growing up and that tradition keeps living on at the school.

Mike Garcia, with C'74 class, of Moreno Valley, CA, writes, "I was fortunate enough to attend

Central High from fall of 1970 to spring of 1971. In that short period, I made friends with a lot of people some civilian, some Air Force dependents like myself. Over the years I've tried to stay in contact with as many friends as I could but time and fate don't always work in our favor. I wasn't able to obtain yearbooks from all the schools I attended for one reason or another so over the years some names and faces have fallen by the wayside. If we were friends and you remember me or my name strike's a familiar chord, contact me Mimbresriver@hotmail.com. I'm eager to reconnect with old friends and share where life has taken us in our journeys. I only attended Central for one year, but some of my fondest memories were the bus rides from the base to town in near subzero temps, swimming across the street at the "Y" first period in winter. And, my fondest memory of all was meeting and knowing **Jeanne Kresel**, C'75. I had to move to one of the coldest places in America to meet the warmest heart I'd ever know!"

1990s

Shantelle JOHNSON Thomas, R'92, writes that she and her husband, Andy, recently welcomed a son, Andrew Bennett Thomas. Drew joins his sister, Campbell Claire, who is three.

North Dakota Weather by Bob Hale, C'49



Actually ND has no weather of its own. In the winter, cold air and snow sneak in from Canada without a passport. In the summer, hot air gusts up from Texas. How can that happen? Because there are only

47 barbed wire fences between the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic Circle.

Now, here's the factual part. I remember one January when the "high" was 21 below zero for the month! In my youth, they didn't talk about "wind chill" either. How do you dress for weather like that? One thoughtful mother sewed her son into his long winter underwear in October. Of course, the other Central High students noticed that he was getting pretty rank by December 6. Doc Winter-he was not into non-directive counseling--hailed the boy to the showers. "Take off those smelly long johns right now."

"No, my mother will kill me!"

"Either you take them off or I will."

Well, I survived the shower and the cold trip home, but mother wasn't very happy that Doc Winter had thrown my underwear in the trash. She made me buy another pair of long johns out of my allowance. At 25 cents a week, it took me until spring to buy another pair. Now that was a cold winter—and a hot summer.

The other vivid memory I have is about blizzards. The earliest blizzard I experienced was during the last weekend of September. Elaine and I were on our way back to our parsonage in Rolla, but were forced by the snowstorm to stop at a motel in Rugby. That was sometime between 1956 and 1960.

The latest blizzard I experienced was the first weekend in May of 1950. We were on our way from Grand Forks to a statewide conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Bismarck. Because of an

earlier thaw, the ditches were filled with water. That plus a blinding blizzard made for a hazardous journey.

North Dakotans don't have to exaggerate when they're talking to some greenhorn about the weather—they just report the facts. Although my father admitted that he sometimes "deviated into the truth," I would never do that.

P.S. I enjoyed the article about Winship School because I attended it at the same time as the author did. Just one correction: the good speller was Jerry Oehler.

The following are responses from friends of Bob Hale's regarding their own weather memories.

Great article. You catch the essence of a ND winter. How about an article on the contrasting summer, i.e., hot, dry, and about one day long? As the experience becomes more distant in my memory, the weather keeps getting worse. At the time, however, I didn't think it was bad at all, hence the saying "ignorance is bliss". We must have been about the most blissful bunch of people on earth. Do you suspect the Canadians sent only the bad weather south and kept the good stuff? -John Fallon, C'48

Man, those were the days!!-Stuart McDonald, C'49

Bob, you really bring back the memories of ND in the winter! Among others are a ground blizzard between Grand Forks and Fargo; a drift that was as high as the roof of Princeton Hall; but most of all being in the astronomy class on the roof of Merrifield Hall one March night. When we went up there, it was -24°, and we all had trouble looking in the eyepiece of the telescope because we were shivering so badly. When we got home, the radio weather report said "There is a cold wave COMING!" In the morning it was -31°. That was in the spring of '48, so you must have been around there too. Surprising how much warmer Minneapolis is!-Ray Russell

Potluck Reunion, continued



silly antics or oohing and aahing about grandkids. Sara and Diane had worried that if we had bad weather, it would be too crowded in the house. As it turned out, the weather was fine, but everyone stayed together in the house, not wanting to miss any conversation!

Several were unable to attend the reunion including **Betsy SCHUSTER Rice**, **Luanne THORESON Alleman**, **Jean MICKLIN Millstein**, **Sharon RONAN Walters**, **Jolene UGLEM Brosseau**, **Diane ULVEDAL Nerheim**, **Linda PETRICH Clifford**, **Judy TRENDAMagnuson**, **Mary KOPPANG Garlick** and **Shannon BERENT Gullickson**. They were either traveling abroad or unable to attend for other reasons. **Karen JOHNSON Mondry**

had stopped by but I missed her. All were remembered with fondness in their absence.

There were some sad moments, too. The fact that two of our group--**Barbara ROBERTSON Brophy** and **Laura-Jo BROOKHART Holt**-had died provided some somber conversation about how much they were missed-and how absolutely precious life is. On the last day when we arrived at Sara's, I was greeted by a rousing chorus of "happy birthday," and while brief, the feeling of warmth and camaraderie was every bit as wonderful as if directed by Dwight Sherwood.

I kept feeling guilty about Sara and Diane doing all the work in the kitchen but since I am definitely not a cook, I asked if there were something else I could do to help. Sara said, "Yes, you can write up an article for the Red Cent." Since I've always been a writer ever since Mr. Ralston's summer school class on Creative Writing, I agreed.

When I got home and tackled

my writing assignment, I checked the web and found 14 million hits for "highschool reunion!" Obviously, there wasn't much new to say about reunions, so I decided to put it off and wait for an inspiration. None came. It was late. The next Red Cent was being put together. Just write something, Judy!

After typing the first few words, my fingers flew. I couldn't stop. The excitement and anxiety and giggling all poured back. Maybe there's nothing new under the sun to say about reunions but for the girls at Sara's place in the summer of their sixty-fifth birthday year, it was a magical first-ever experience that couldn't be like all those other reunions. It was just too fun and maybe even marked a turning point for the next phase of our lives because of what we learned from the way each other has dealt with this goofy world. Thank you, ladies-and thank you Sara and Diane-for making the summer of 2008 one to cherish for a lifetime!

Laurae JOHNSON Lygre's CD's can be purchased at Jerrol's Bookstore (800)858-2427.

Pictures taken by Julie GOTHBERG Dietzler.

Retired Music Professor Gives the Gift of Music

Dr. Tamar Read, retired music professor from UND, recently donated \$10,000 to the Grand Forks Foundation for Education and the Musical Instruments Scholarship Fund for Needy Students. Dr. Read's wish is that no child be excluded from participating in the Grand Forks Public School string program due to financial difficulties. She has requested the money be used to purchase "scholarship instruments" for students to use while participating in such programs. Dr. Read recalled her first experience hearing a professional violinist, "It was such a wonderfully amazing sound..it changed my life." Music teacher Rebecaa Starr



Teacher, Rebecca Starr, and GFFE Executive Director, Jenny Arel (both standing), with two orchestra students and Professor Tamar Read (seated).

writes about the grant, "The music department is thrilled about Dr. Read's donation to the orchestra program! Our school district has a strong orchestra program, in which student numbers have been steadily increasing for the past two decades! A rise in student numbers has also meant a rise in the number of students in need of financial help to participate in orchestra. Dr. Read's gift comes at a vital time! What a wonderful gift! How fortunate that the students in this school district have equal access to the balanced and comprehensive education offered here!"

Teacher Talk

Diversity of Teachers...

Excerpted from Lisa Gibson's article appearing in Grand Forks Herald on January 30, 2009.

Male influence

Second-grade teacher Jason Look of Lake Agassiz Elementary School in Grand Forks does not think his Native American heritage has an influence on his teaching or how students react to him or learn from him. He grew up in Grand Forks, attended St. Michael's School and didn't participate in much Native American culture, he said, and the students at that age don't seem to notice his race.

"I think being male has more of an influence," he said. "Being in that low of a grade having a male teacher is different. I tend to be the only male at the district meetings for this level."

Look, a fifth-year teacher, notices the difference in the students' behavior toward and around him, he said. Some students are shyer around him than they are around his female colleagues. But, some students see that behavior change as a positive.

"It's great to have a boy teacher, and I love it," said Lillian Ward, one of Look's students. She's never had a male teacher before, she said, and it does change how she learns and acts in school. "I'm a better listener," she said.

Some parents request their children be in Look's class because he's male, he said. "Often times, I'll hear a parent say, 'We requested you because we wanted a male teacher,'" he said. "Or students who need more discipline might be put in here."

Many of the students at the school come from single mother homes, and some need a male role model, he said, and he's happy he can be that for them.

"When it comes to being male, we do treat kids differently," Look said of himself compared with his female colleagues. "Much the same as how moms and dads parent differently."



Tyler Thompson, another student of Look's, said he doesn't see a difference between having a male or female teacher. "It's about the same for me," he said matter-of-factly.

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Jane A. Perkins, former Viking Elementary physical education teacher, passed away on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the age of sixty-three.

Jane Ann Parker was born on July 6, 1945 in Glenwood, MN, the daughter of John and Florence (Velder) Parker. Jane grew up and attended school in Detroit Lakes, MN, graduating from Detroit Lakes High School in 1963. She went on and attended Moorhead State College in Moorhead, MN and graduated from there in 1967. On April 22, 1967, she was united in marriage to Jim Perkins in Detroit Lakes, MN. Jane taught school in West Fargo, ND and then moved to East Grand Forks, MN in 1971 where she taught school until 1986. In 1986 she began teaching Elementary Physical Education at Viking Elementary in Grand Forks, ND until retiring in 2008.

Jane is survived by her husband Jim of East Grand Forks, MN; children: Jeff (Jill) Perkins of Detroit Lakes, MN, Bryan (Erica) Perkins of East Grand Forks, MN and Mark Perkins of Browerville, MN; four grandchildren; and siblings: Pat Parker, Peter Parker, Michael (Jane) Parker, Tony (Marsha) Parker, Mary Frigstad, all of Detroit Lakes, MN and Nancy (Dwight) Parker of Iowa City, IA.

Charles A. McCauley, former Central music teacher, 60, died Saturday, January 17, 2009 in Grand Forks, at the age of sixty.

Charles A. McCauley was born October 4, 1948 in Minot, ND the son of Vincent and Nina (Anderson) McCauley. He grew up and attended

school in Minot and graduated from high school there. Charlie attended Minot State College. He then earned his Master's Degree in Music Education from UND. He also furthered his education at the Arizona State University. Charlie began teaching music at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

In 1978, he married Stephanie Amb in East Grand Forks, MN. In 1979 he moved to Brookings, SD and taught choral music at Brookings High School. In 1989 Charlie moved to Grand Forks and taught choral music at Grand Forks Central High School, as well as coaching golf, until retiring in 2006. During his retirement Charlie continued teaching voice and music at the Northland Community Technical College. Charlie was a very talented music director, he directed music at the Frostfire Theatre in Walhalla, ND for 18 years and the SDSU summer theatre. Charlie was an avid skier, golfer and proud Democrat.

Charlie was a loving person with a caring heart. He lived a life of service to all people, "Heart of a Servant Leader" and he was an excellent story teller. He loved making people laugh and loved making people happy. He will be greatly missed.

Charlie is survived by his children: Joseph McCauley of Bismarck, ND; Patrick McCauley of Denver, CO; a daughter Michelle McCauley of Grand Forks, ND; sister, Mary Knoll of Mukilteo, WA, and a dear friend Paula Davis, Grand Forks, ND.

Neil Robinson, husband of Laurie Robinson, former Grand Forks Public Schools Curriculum Director and for-

mer Grand Forks Foundation for Education Board member, passed away on November 10, 2008, at the age of fifty-six.

Neil was born May 14, 1952 in St. Thomas, ND. He greatly honored his parents Marvin and Doris Robinson.

Neil married the love of his life, Laurie, on May 18, 1974. Neil and Laurie's three children, Aaron, Heather and Carson, were a constant source of pride and joy, as well as his son-in-law Justin and daughter-in-law Michelle. He was looking so forward to becoming a first-time grandpa in May.

Neil loved going to work every day as a financial representative for Edward Jones and was genuinely interested in those he served. Among the ways in which he expressed his servanthood was in supporting the work of the Women's Pregnancy Center and using his hands and feet to serve at Faith Evangelical Free church as needed.

Neil is survived by his wife, children, his mother; brothers, Dave, Grand Forks; Myles, Curt, Todd, and sister Roxanne Strand, and several nieces and nephews. His first grandchild will be born in May.

Esther MINTZ Blecha, former Central High School German teacher, died on November 12, 2008, at the age of eighty. Esther was married to Clarence Blecha. Together, they had three daughters, Kathy Manus, Jane Plumhoff, and Kae Blecha. Esther taught for sixteen years at Central. She was an avid reader, the family historian, and an expert at solving crossword puzzles. Esther is survived by her daughters; her sisters, Alma

Utecht, Louise Wonacott, and Nora Buel; brother, Edwin Mintz.

Dan Thiel, a retired Grand Forks Public Schools employee, passed away on October, 26, 2008, at the age of 78.

Dan was born October 24, 1930, to Carl & Clara Thiel.

He married Nancy Martinson in December 1958, and they resided in East Grand Forks where he worked for the EGF Public School system from 1959 though 1968. His work as a Boiler Engineer then took him to the Grand Forks Public School system from 1969 until 1984 when he retired due to disability. During the cold weather, he worked many stormy nights at individual schools, making sure that all of the school's heating systems were operating properly.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Dan loved the outdoors and spent many days in the north woods of Beltrami Forest and the Minnesota lakes.

Dan is survived by his wife, Nancy, of East Grand Forks, MN, daughter Terri Thiel, son Tim Thiel, and son, Dan Thiel, grandchildren, one bother, Merrill, three sisters, Ramona Chealander, Janet Galvin, Jean Ryan, and Shirley Froseth.

Vern Nesland, C'42, passed away on March 9, 2008.

Duane McLachlan, C'53, age seventy-three, died on October 8, 2008. Duane graduated from UND with a degree in philosophy. His love for learning and philosophy lasted him a lifetime. He also enjoyed woodworking and nature. Duane is survived by his wife, Barbara and his daughter, Maureen.

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Grace B. Hagen, C'42, passed away on April 17, 2008 in San Diego, CA.

Elsie BROWN Wilkin, C'44, of Slidell, LA, passed away at the age of eighty-one on November 8, 2008.

After graduating from UND with a degree in journalism, Elsie worked in New York City at Time Magazine. While in New York, Elsie met Charles Robert Wilkin and the two were married in 1960. They settled in LA in 1977. Elsie worked at Folgers Coffee Co. and was a homemaker. She was an avid genealogist and enjoyed reading, traveling, cooking, and spending time with her twelve grandchildren. Elsie is survived by her husband; their four children, Eric Wilkin, Kari Spencer, Rolf Wilkin, and Kurt Wilkin; her sister, Barbara Modisett; several nieces and nephews.

Jean Ann Forde, C'44, of Lynden, died on September 18. Jean was born and raised in Grand Forks. After graduating from Central she married Donald Forde in June of 1951. Jean worked for more than twenty years at Versacold Storage in Lynden. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church. Jean will be remembered for her flair for telling jokes and singing songs, homemade pickles and lefse. Jean is survived by her sons, Don Forde and James Forde; her daughter, Mary Bogardus; her sister, Hazel Bolton; her brother, Robert Hansen; and four grandchildren.

Chad A. Mutscher, C'94, died at his home in East Grand Forks in October of 2008. Chad was born in Grand Forks, the son of Ronald and Diane Mutscher. He was raised in Grand Forks and following high school, Chad attended Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, AZ. He graduated in May 1996 with degrees in auto mechanics, diesel mechanics, and refrigeration technology. He worked at the Chrysler Center, A-Transmission City, and most recently as the service manager with Parts City in Manvel. Chad married Shari Lian in November 2003 and they resided in East Grand Forks. Chad is survived by his wife, his mother, his maternal grandmother, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ray Norman Monsebroten, R'78, Ray was born to Norman and Eleanor Monsebroten on January 15, 1960, at Park River, ND. After graduating in 1978 Ray moved to Williston and then onto Alaska to work in the oil fields. He returned to Grand Forks in 1989 and resided here and was employed by Concrete Inc.

Ray had a wonderful, sense of humor that will be greatly missed. His kind hearted generosity showed his true character.

Ray is survived by his mother, Eleanor Monsebroten of Grand Forks; sisters, Nancy Adams, Sally Ahles of Grand Forks, Betty Otteson of Grand Forks; brothers, Jeff Monsebroten, Lyle Monsebroten.

Dagny V. ENSTAD Capes, C'46, of Grand Forks, died Sunday, September 7, 2008 at the age of eighty-one. Dagny was born March 21, 1927 in Devils Lake. She was raised and educated near Pekin, ND, then came to Grand Forks and graduated from Central High School. Dagny married Richard "Dick" Capes on November 10, 1946. She worked at Armor meat packing plant and J. C. Penney Co. She also taught piano lessons in her home. Dagny was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Grand Forks. She also parented foster children. Dagny is survived by daughter, Carmen Capes; sons, Richard Capes, Grand Forks, David Capes, Bradley Capes; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald Leroy Drees, C'55, Donald Leroy Drees, was taken to his Heavenly Home on Sunday, September 21, 2008.

Don was born December 4, 1937 to Albert and Ethel (Kuster) Drees.

He was married to Diana Spidahl on June 20, 1959. He farmed north of Thompson until 1969 and then became the manager of Merrifield Grain Co. until 1981. Returning to farming and construction he then retired in 2001.

Don loved working outside, landscaping and helping others. He very much enjoyed his grand and great-grandchildren, and attending Fighting Sioux Hockey for twenty-eight years.

Don is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Diana; sons, Douglas Drees, Grand Forks, Dean Drees, Thompson; daughter, Darla Schuman, Grand Forks; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Paul Drees, John Drees, Grand Forks; sisters, Donna Widenhoefer, Doris Rachow, Hillsboro, ND, Violet Okeson, Dorothy Schroeter, and Kathy

Miller.

Vedrenia QUESNELL Kruse, C'34, passed away on February 22, 2008 in Sioux City, IA at the age of ninety-two. Up until the time of her death, Vedrenia was still involved in league bowling and golf. She is survived by her daughter Kathleen KRUSE Lucas, C'67, and two graddaughters. She will always be remembered by her family for her love of life and her determined spirit.

Michael Abernathey, R'07, passed away on October 7, 2008 in Grand Forks.

Michael was born in Grand Forks on September 1, 1988, to Bryan and Michelle (Kuntz) Abernathey. He graduated from Red River High School in 2007, and was attending UND.

The loves of Michael's life were his family and friends. He and his brother, Scott, grew up going to the lake and fishing with their grandparents. He loved to skateboard, snowboard, pitch for his softball team, play Frisbee golf, and hang out with friends. Michael was an avid hunter. One of the most defining accomplishments of Michael's life was winning the 2007 Regional Hockey Championship as a member of the Grand Forks Stallions.

Michael was a great, loyal friend who always had a smile and laughed easily. He loved spending time with children.

Michael is survived by his parents and brother, Scott of Grand Forks; grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins, and many loyal friends.

Robert A. Berg, C'43, of Duluth, died October 15, 2008 at the age of eighty-two from pancreatic cancer.

He was born April 25, 1926 in Grand Forks to Arnold and Eva (Swendiman) Berg. He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII. He graduated from UND, went to Southern Methodist University in Dallas and he did his graduate work in social work at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Robert married Patricia Bane. He was a social worker for Bethany Lutheran Children's Home and then worked at Lakeshore Lutheran Home as the Assistant Administrator. Robert coached little league baseball and hockey. He was an eagle scout. He enjoyed watching sports, especially hockey. Robert is sur-

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vived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Patricia and sons, Bruce and Kristofer.

D. Allen Anderson, C'74, of Manvel passed away unexpectedly on September 21, 2008 at his home.

Allen was born August 12, 1956 in Grand Forks, ND to L. Darrell and Jacqueline (Spicer) Anderson. After graduating from high school, Allen worked at JR Simplot for thirty-four years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family and his animals.

Allen is survived by his brother, Tim Anderson, Grand Forks, ND; sisters, Sherri Benson, Cindy Sukalski, Angie Pulsinelli; nephews and nieces, several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Andrea J. GJERSET Lundebly, R'89, passed away on September 13, 2008 at the age of thirty-seven.

Andrea touched countless lives with her positive attitude, quick wit and beaming smile. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

Andrea lived her entire life in Grand Forks, marrying her high school sweetheart, Jeff Lundebly on June 26, 1993. Andrea leaves her two wonderful children, Alexandra and Jacob.

Andrea is survived by her husband and children; parents, James and LuAnne Gjerset; brother, James "Jens" Gjerset; sisters, Gretchen Matiatos and Heidi Rasner.

Donna L. WORMAN Jenson, C'38, died on November 22, 2008 at the age of eighty-seven in Grand Forks.

Adonna Luverne Worman Jenson was born in Grand Forks May 27, 1921, the only child of Harry and Alma Worman. After graduating from high school, she attended Union Commercial Business College in Grand Forks. In August 1942 with \$50 in her pocket Donna took the train to Washington to marry Donald J. Jenson of Grand Forks, who was stationed at Ft. Lewis, whom she had met while in high school.

Donna was actively involved at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the GF American Legion Auxiliary.

Donna's survivors include her children; Donald Jenson Jr., Rev. Janice Jenson Wukits, Debra Penas; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jennifer WYKOFF Olslund, R'90, of Crookston, MN, passed away unexpectedly on November 24, 2008 at the age of thirty-six.

Jen was born on September 20, 1972 in Utah, the daughter of John and Ann Wykoff. She was raised in Grand Forks. Jen received most of her secondary education in Denver and at UND. On July 12, 2003, she was united in marriage to her soul mate Todd Olslund. Together they were raising their two children. Of all Jen's accomplishments she was most proud of her two little angels, Amber and Ian. In addition, Jen was passionate about helping others. She was a registered nurse at the Altru Hospital and was very close to becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Jen is survived by her husband and their two children; her mother and father, John and Ann Wykoff; her sister, Kristi Wykoff; and her grandma; many aunts, uncles, cousins.

Walter Mellem, C'32, passed away on November 23, 2008 at the age of ninety-four.

Walter Mellem was born in Grand Forks on September 28, 1914, to Olavus and Johanne Juliusdatter Mellem.

In about 1930, Walt lied about his age and joined Company M, 164th Infantry Regiment, ND National Guard. Following high school, he drove city bus, where he met his future wife Esther, and then went to work for the Great Northern Rail Road. He and Esther were married July 9, 1941.

Walt had a love of sports. In his youth, he was a ski jumper and won several trophies in regional competitions. He was an avid golfer. Walt took up downhill skiing in his 50s and enjoyed the sport until his early 80s, following surgery. Early in the 1960s, he started jogging, a hobby he enjoyed, along with rollerblading, into his early 90s.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth L. Mellem and James W. Mellem, and several grandchildren.

Thale M. NELSON Skarohlid, C'56, passed away in Cheyenne, WY on November 17, 2008. Thale is survived by her husband, John S. Skarohlid, SJ'56, three sons, Robert, Brian and John and ten grandchildren; and her brother, David L. Nelson, C'66.

Clifford O. Nystrom, C'41, died September 26, 2008, at the age of eighty-six.

Cliff was born December 2, 1921 in Grand Forks,

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the son of Hans and Esther Nystrom.

Clifford served as a Naval Aviator during WWII in China, flying support missions for AVG. After the war, he returned to Grand Forks.

Clifford married Etta S. Johnson on September 28, 1947. They lived in Bemidji, MN where Clifford worked for Minnkota Power Co. They later returned to Grand Forks. Clifford retired from Minnkota Power Co. as a Line Supervisor in 1984. He and Etta spent retirement years in Zapata, TX. Etta died on June 11, 1994. Clifford returned to Grand Forks in 2004.

Clifford enjoyed travel, fishing and golf.

Survivors include his son, Clifford "Butch" Nystrom, Grand Forks; his brother, Harvey Nystrom; and a grandson.

Quentin D. Kennedy, C'38, died November 8, 2008 in Weslaco, Texas at the age of eighty-nine. Quentin Duane Kennedy was born in Larimore, ND on January 30, 1919 to Edward and Mabel (Drengson) Kennedy. Quentin attended grade school in Kempton, where they lived until moving to Grand Forks where he graduated from Central High School. He joined the National Guard in 1940 and was sent to Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, WY. While there, he married his sweetheart, Mildred Jackson of Grand Forks, on July 2, 1941. He was honorably discharged on December 5, 1941. He then was hired on the Great Northern Railroad where he enjoyed working for thirty-seven years. He loved fishing and camping with family and friends. In 1981, Quentin and Mildred took their first winter trip to the "Snow to Sun" Park in Weslaco, Texas and stayed in the same spot for twenty-seven years.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Mildred, of sixty-seven years, one sister, Cleora Groome, four sons, Robert (Marlys) of Manvel, ND, Lynn (Michelle) of Grand Forks, Larry of Simi Valley, California, Kenneth of Grand Forks, one daughter Kathleen McBeth (Ronald) of Wahpeton, ND.

Harvey D. Christiansen, C'46, of East Grand Forks, MN passed away peacefully on December 11, 2008 surrounded by his family. He was seventy-nine years old.

Harvey Duane Christiansen was born on March 22, 1929, the son of Clarence and Olga (Jacobsen) Christiansen in Grafton, ND.

After graduation, Harvey enlisted in the United States Army. He received the World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Japan Medal.

He returned to Grand Forks and married Alyce-Mae Jenson on November 23, 1949. Harvey hired on with the Northern Pacific Railroad. He retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 1989. After thirty-three years of separation, Harvey remarried Alyce-Mae on July 29, 2006.

Harvey was a great sports fan who especially enjoyed fast pitch softball in Grand Forks, spring baseball in Arizona, attending the Olympic Games as well as all professional sports. He was an avid card player and enjoyed the company of family and friends with his wit and humor.

Family members who survive Harvey include his wife Alyce-Mae of East Grand Forks, MN; children: Terry, Pam (Bob) Bergman of Grand Forks; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his mother, Olga Christiansen, ninety-nine years old, of East Grand Fork; sister: Marion Enright of East Grand Forks; brother: Glenn (Laurie) of East Grand Forks.

Bob Gilmour, C'45, passed away at his Fargo home December 14 with his wife, Margaret, by his side at the age of eighty-one.

Robert J. "Bob" Gilmour was born in Grand Forks, N.D., March 22, 1927, to William W. "Tommie" and Bertha C. Gilmour.

Bob dedicated his life to his wife of fifty-four years, their six children and nine grandchildren. Family always came first for Bob but his love for newspapering and Sioux sports -- especially hockey -- were close seconds. He lived most of his life in Grand Forks until the couple moved to Fargo after the 1997 flood.

He graduated from UND with a degree in journalism in 1950. As a senior in high school and in college, Bob covered sports for the Grand Forks Herald. After graduating from UND, he continued at the Herald. He also held jobs at weekly newspapers in Williston, Langdon and East Grand Forks, moving permanently to the Herald in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann Gilmour; his children; James Gilmour, Mary Sorlie, Gerald Gilmour, Jonathan Gilmour, Paul Gilmour, Grand Forks, and Ann Libretti; grandchildren; sisters, Dee Young, Jean O'Keefe, Grand Forks, and daughter-in-law, Jan Gilmour.

Philip Rial Myerchin, C'55, died Sept. 11, 2008, at his Anchorage home, at the age of seventy, after a valiant fight with cancer.

Phil was born Dec. 27, 1937, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Joseph Myerchin and Laura Schiller. Phil graduated from UND with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics in 1959 and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He fulfilled a fellowship at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies with advanced studies in physical chemistry and mathematics.

He taught physics, chemistry and mathematics to high school students in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Phil arrived in Ketchikan in 1964 and taught physics, chemistry and mathematics. He met his wife, Marie, at a Ketchikan ski club meeting. They shared a sense of adventure, which led to a full house of five children in six years. Phil was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and exploring for precious minerals. As an active mountaineer and member of the Ketchikan Mountaineering Association, he summited many peaks and participated in rescues.

Survivors are his wife of forty-two years, Marie, and five children, Germaine Thomas, Chris Myerchin, Mary Carol Miller, Paul Myerchin and Greta Myerchin; siblings, Thomas, John and William Myerchin and Marsha Erickson; and numerous grandchildren.

John Gordon, C'49, of Great Falls, died October 16, 2008, at the age of seventy-seven.

John Gordon was born July 7, 1931, in Grand Forks, the son of John and Margaret Gordon. He graduated from UND with degrees in theology, foreign language and mechanical engineering. He went to work for DuPont in Louisville, KY, where he married Jean Finn in 1957. They had three children and moved several times while John worked for the aeronautical industry.

In 1971, John and his family moved to Great Falls, where John owned and operated a restaurant as well as owning restaurants in Helena and Bozeman and gaming machines. His wife Jean died in 1991 and he married Vickie in 1996.

John studied the Course of Miracles for ten years and was an involved volunteer at Hospice. John gave so much of himself to so many and will be missed by all. Survivors include his wife, Vickie Gordon; son, Mickey Gordon; daughters, Roxane Gordon and Diane Gordon; a stepson, Cory Eli; a stepdaughter, Nicole Timm; a brother, Jim Gordon; and several grandchildren.

Hugh George Bray,

C'50, went home to be with his Lord and

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Savior on January 1, 2009 at the age of seventy-six. He was born on August 31, 1932, to George and Marguerite Bray in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Hugh married the love of his life, Evonne Arnason. Hugh was one of four Central High football players who married an Arnason sister. The other three were his best friends Bob McKinnon, Jerry Hoffman, and John Page. Over the years they shared many special times together that few people ever have.

Hugh and Evonne had five children. Barbara, Maggie, Nancy, George, and Rocky (Hugh-John).

He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1954 and for the remainder of his life continued to be passionate for his alma mater, especially the football program.

Hugh owned and operated Bray's Ready to Wear in Grand Forks before moving to Dallas in 1968 for a position with Hagggar Slacks. He treasured the many friendships he developed throughout his long career. He was active in many civic and charitable organizations in Grand Forks and Dallas, including Boy Scouts, United Way, March of Dimes, St. Monica Catholic Church, Notre Dame Club of Dallas, and Chapel Downs Club.

With his genuine smile, big heart, and sparkle in his eyes, combined with his thoughtfulness, sincerity, and caring personality, Hugh was loved by all that knew him.

Hugh was proud of his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

He is survived by brother David Bray, sisters, Joan and Georgia. He is also survived by his Arnason in-laws Richard and Joyce Arnason, Fred Arnason, Jean Arnason, Betty Arnason, Eloise and John Page, Elaine Hoffman, Bob and Gloria McKinnon, and many nieces and nephews.

Ramon "Ray" Donald Walsh, C'49, passed away peacefully at home in Parma, ID on December 20.

Ray was born March 17, 1931 in Grand Forks to Donald and Berget Walsh. After graduation, attended the University of North Dakota where he met and married his wife, Carol, fifty-four years ago.

Ray worked as a produce broker from 1955 to 1999, when he retired from J.C. Watson Co in Parma, Idaho after twenty-two years.

In his retirement he enjoyed traveling with his family to Maui, Bend, Lava Hot Springs and fishing with his sons in Cabo San Lucas Mexico. He is survived by his wife Carol, children, Deborah, Mark, James, John, David, Michael, and his grandchildren. Ray was affiliated with the Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

James P. Hesketh, C'43, of Minnetonka, passed away at the age of eighty-two. Jim was born and raised in the Grand Forks community.

At Central High School, he played basketball and was the senior class president. Jim attended UND where he received his undergraduate and law degrees. He served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was wounded in Korea. He married Margaret Roberta Henry on June 12, 1950.

Jim was employed as a probate and trust attorney with First Bank System until his retirement in 1985. He was an active member of the Walker Corp., Salvation Army, Aldersgate United Methodist, the United Methodist Foundation, and supporter of youth athletics.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Margaret; children JoNell (Greg) Bakke of Grand Forks, ND, Jim (Cary) Hesketh; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brother Herbert (Arline) Hesketh.



Pictures Right: Bob Tuttle, C'49, John Bennett, C'50, and Hugh Bray, C'50.

Winnipeg, Summer of 1953

John Bennett recalls a trip to Winnipeg the summer of 1953. He had just returned home from Europe to find he had been invited to compete in the Scottish Highland Games. He mentioned it to Hugh Bray and Bob Tuttle and John Gordon happened to get into the conversation. They all decided to drive to Winnipeg and have a great holiday. Evonne joined them. John won several medals and the group had a fun experience at the Winnipeg Polo Grounds.

Photos submitted by John Bennett and John Page, C'50.



Above: Hugh Bray, C'50, Evonne ARNASON Bray, C'49, Bob Tuttle, C'49, and John Gordon, C'49.

'Til We Meet Again. . . reunions and gatherings

10th Reunion-RRHS Class of 1999

Details pending.
 Contact: Shyla Howell
 Email: shyla53@hotmail.com
20th Reunion- RRHS Class of 1989
 July 17-18, 2009. Location/details TBD.
 Contact: Julie Rygg
 Phone: 701-740-1742
 Website: www.visitgrandforks.com/main.php/eventplannerform_login. Password and user name are both RRHS89

20th Reunion-CHS Class of 1989

July 17, 2009, Whitey's Back Bar; July 18, 2009, Noon, University Park; July 18, Sanders Restaurant. Check out website: www.classcreator.com/Grand-Forks-ND-Central-1989/class_index.cfm
 Contact: Brenda MCMENAMY McDonald
 Email: buffalohockeymom@hotmail.com
 Contact: Jennifer ANDERSON Carlson
 Email: jennifer.carlson.1@sendit.nodak.edu

30th Reunion- RRHS Class of 1979

July 24-25, 2009
 Contact: Phil Amundson
 Website: www.redriver79.com

40th Reunion-RRHS Class of 1969

July 17-18, 2009
 Contact: JoAnn Paulson VOLLRATH
45th Reunion- CHS Class of 1964
 July 17-19, 2009, Clarion Inn, Grand Forks.
 Contact: Carolyn King
 Email: ckingjoy@hotmail.com or
 Phone: 218-327-3333

50th Reunion-CHS Class of 1960

Tentatively September 2010
 Contact: Dean Schroeder
 Email: bcwyoming@yahoo.com
 Contact: Marilyn VOLD Anderson
 Email: mja@gra.midco.net

50th Reunion- CHS Class of 1959

June 12-14, 2009, Hilton Garden Inn in G.F.
 Check out our new web site at
 http://www.gfclassof59.com
 Don't forget to complete the survey so we can include your information in our souvenir reunion booklet. If you would like to receive information about the reunion and the survey by mail, please drop me a line:

Susan INDRIDSON Yost, 235 Dove CT, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 or email: syost@charter.net See you in '09!
55th Reunion-CHS Class of 1954
 Sept. 11-12, 2009, Hilton Garden Inn in G.F.
 Contact: Ken Dawes
 Phone: 701-775-0106
 Email: KJDGFND@gra.midco.net or
 Contact: Darlene Monson-Holien
 Phone: 701-746-7673
 Email: HolienDJM@gra.midco.net
60th Reunion-CHS Class of 1949
 Tentatively September 18-19, 2009
 Contact: Ken4Mis@aol.com

Other classes not listed are looking for reunion coordinators. Please contact the Alumni Network if you are interested in coordinating your class reunion.

Send your reunion info, news and photos to:
 The Alumni Network, PO Box 5475, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5475. Emailed photos are preferred in jpg format to: gfalumni@gfschools.org



Twin Cities Chapter of CHS Alumni

The 44th annual holiday gathering of the Twin Cities Chapter of Grand Forks Central graduates and their spouses took place on December 5.

Correction

On page 11 of the October 2008 issue of the "Red Cent," we misspelled Terrence McCosh's name. We apologize for the error.

Cleaning out your closets? WANTED: Alumni still looking for CHS '56, '73, '76, & '77 yearbooks. Please contact the Alumni Network office at 701-787-4866.

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Wedding Bells Ring!

Mr. and Mrs. John & Judy (C'69) SKARSTEN Brewinski announce the marriage of their son, Joshua Brewinski, R'99, to Erica France. The couple exchanged wedding vows on September 5, 2008, in Denver, Colorado, where they reside.



Juleah Nusz Wins Gold at North American Cup Tournament in St. Louis

ACFA fencer Juleah Nusz, granddaughter of Bonnie ELIASON Larson, C'64, won the Gold Medal in the Cadet Women's Epee event at the North American Cup Fencing Tournament in St. Louis, on November 9.

Juleah finished 5th after pools and then won her first two direct elimination bouts. Then she lost and had to fence in repechage to get back into the finals. She beat Katherine Holmes in the finals to win her very first National Gold Medal outside a Super Youth Circuit. **Congratulations, Juleah!**



THREE FRIENDS

Photo submitted by Glenn Knudsvig, C'56, and he would like to find Frederic Bock.
 L to R: Terry Roisum, C'54, Glenn Knudsvig, C'56, and Frederic Bock, C'56

