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HANDPRINT ON MY HEART

BY JENNY L. AREL

Due to the introduction of the new editor, Greg Nelson, in this edition I have decided to devote my feature to Greg's introduction and inaugural editorial.

"Never underestimate the small things such as smiles, a friendly wave or even a brief conversation- they can make the difference for someone between a mundane day and one to be treasured." **Nick Nelson**, R'07 - Student Speaker at Red River 2007 Commencement Ceremony Do you have a favorite teacher or staff member from your school days? Maybe it's someone who went the extra mile for you or gave you that little push to excel. I remember two of those teacher from my high school days and Red River. I was never in choir at Red River, but I always wanted to be. I loved to sing but I lacked the confidence to audition for the choir, so it never happened. But I did play in the band and the band and choir rooms were next to each other. At least once a day I'd meet **Ken Sherwood** walking down the music hallway and he always took the time to say "Good Morning" or something like

"Your band really sounded great at the concert last night!" Even though I was never his student, I always appreciated that "small thing" of a brief conversation that Nick commented about in his graduation speech - it always made my day. For those of you who were in Ken Sherwood's choirs, you will be very happy to know that he is now known as "Grandpa Sherwood" to my son's generation of students and he is just as much loved and appreciated now as he was when I was a student in 1975. His son Brad is the Director of Vocal Music for the Grand Forks Public Schools and directs the Red River Concert Choir and Madrigals and is as pleasant a man to know as his father is. And waiting in the wings are Jolly and Brad's sons, the fourth generation of music making Sherwoods - Ian and Cole, ready to take over for their dad someday, if we're lucky.

The other teacher that I always admired and appreciated was **Tom Gabrielson**. Tom was a basketball coach when I was a student at Red River and at 5'5" I was definitely not on the basketball team. But I would hear my friends say how great it was to play ball for "Gabe". I can say I never saw Gabe yell at a player like you see some NBA or college coaches do on TV. Instead, it was always a hand on a players' shoulder telling him what to do or cautioning him against fouling out, I always admired that. After graduating, I would run into Gabe at Hugo's while grocery shopping and he always took the time to say hello. I'm sure that he didn't know me by name but recognized that I was a former Red River student and always acknowledged me. Years later as my son Nick became more involved in theatre at Red River, I would see Gabe and his wife Margie at the shows, always with one or more of their grandchildren and a friend or two. Gabe told me that he felt that there was more to life than athletics and that his grandchildren should be exposed to the arts as well. So, we would visit about the shows and then we wouldn't run into each other for a couple of months again at either the grocery store or at the theatre. He, like Ken Sherwood, is a true gentleman, whose friendly wave and brief conversations with me have left a "Handprint on my Heart". If there is a teacher who made a difference in your life, and left that "Handprint on your Heart", please e-mail me at duhnelsons@gra.midco.net or phone me at (701) 775-0993 in the evenings and I will make every effort to get your story in print.

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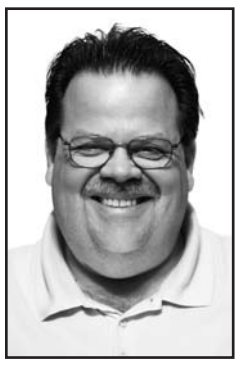
Welcome, New Red Cent Editor, Greg Nelson, R'75



"It's May and time to add names of the 2008 graduates of Central, Community and Red River High Schools to the list of alumni of the Grand Forks Public Schools. I'm **Greg Nelson**, R'75, new editor of the *Red Cent* and welcome to our spring issue. For those of you who don't know me, I'll start by telling you a little bit about myself. I am a lifelong Grand Forks resident and graduated from Red River in 1975 and from UND in 1979 with a degree in Business Administration. During the day my dad, brother and I own and operate B & N Auto Plaza, located since 1959 at the busiest intersection in North Dakota, DeMers and South Washington Street. My wife Deb and I are the parents of **Tiffany KALTENBERG Neiss**, C'92, **Corey Kaltenberg**, R'95, **Shawn (Amanda) Kaltenberg**, R'96 and **Nick Nelson**, R'07. Deb is from Crookston, has been employed by Altru Health Systems for 27 years and is a six year breast cancer survivor. We divide our free time between our "take home" work, volunteering for the organizations that our children have been a part of and fundraising for the American Cancer Society through the "Relay for Life" event. Our home is fiercely defended by "Lola", our mini dauschaund. Nick is our only child still living at home and is finishing his freshman year at UND in pursuit of a degree in Forensic Science, I think. Nick is in the Honors Program at UND, sings in the Varsity Bards Men's Choir and is staff photographer for the "Dakota Student" newspaper.

Enough about me, I'd like to hear from you and make your news my column. What are you interested in? What would you like to see me write about in this space? I would like to hear from you. I can be reached by email at duhnelsons@gra.midco.net or by phone at 701.775.0993 in the evenings.

THE EDITOR SEZ

BY EDITOR GREG NELSON, R'75

I apologize to those alumni who are hoping to read about the numerous outstanding athletic successes of Red River or Central teams during the past school year, you won't find that in my column. However if you want to know what's going on in the high school bands, choirs or theatres or what shows are being performed by the Summer Performing Arts Company (SPA) in July, this is the column for you. One of my composition professors at UND (way back in the late 1970's) said to write about what you know, and I know the arts in the Grand Forks Public Schools.

If you have been away from Grand Forks for more than 20 years, you probably aren't familiar with the Summer Performing Arts Company, or SPA, as it is known in the community. SPA got its start in the late 1980's as a theatre production group of only 30 students and 13 staff members. This year the students in the two month Summer Performing Arts Program will number close to 1300 with almost 60 staff members, that's almost 1 in every 5 students in the Grand Forks Public Schools. There are also several students from outside the Grand Forks area who have been allowed to participate in the SPA Program thanks to the administrative support of Superintendents Mark Sanford and Ron Gruwell and their desire to provide the best in arts education to all of the students who are interested. Over one third of the current SPA staff are alumni of the SPA Program, giving back to students some of what was shared with them when they were in SPA. In the past 21 years there have been over 11,000 students involved in SPA who have helped to create over 300 performances for over 100,000 audience members. The administrators of the SPA Program are all alumni of the school district. They include Dean Opp-Administrative Director, Brad Sherwood-Program Director and Mentor Coordinator, and Allison Peterson-Operations Director. These are the names and numbers that define SPA, now I'll tell you what makes the program unique and a true community treasure, first from my viewpoint as a parent of a SPA student, then with some comments from Misti Koop-a SPA alumni from East Grand Forks involved in the program from 1992-1997, and lastly from Dean Opp-a true friend to every student of the arts.

Dean Opp, Administrative Director; Allison Peterson. Operations Director, Brad Sherwood, Program Director/ Mentor Coordinator

My son Nick R07, was in the SPA Program for nine summers. The Program is for elementary through high school students, so a ten-year involvement in the SPA Program would give you the equivalent of a full year's education in theatre arts. As a parent I found the program to be truly one of a kind. SPA is a summer program that is set up time wise so that students can also take a drivers ed or summer school class if they desire. Registration forms are sent out in late winter, detailing the program for elementary, middle and high school SPA Programs, each area having its own staff and programs. If you are in high school SPA, auditions for those who want to perform in the shows are held in May, but I can tell you from experience that there can be weeks of preparation for the auditions for a spoken or singing part. Yet one of the great things about SPA is that there is also a place for the students who can't sing, dance or act. In SPA the students do everything from drilling the first screw into the set to sweeping the stage after the final performance of a show. Students are trained by staff in the technical arts of lighting, sound, audio and video recording, costuming, make-up, box office operations and show promotion. All students participate in the initial construction, painting and decorating of a shows "set", or stage. The set has to be done before a line can be rehearsed or a dance choreographed. In what other school program, besides industrial arts, can you get this kind of hands on experience in skills that will be with you for the rest of your life? Once parts are assigned, rehearsals begin and the process of learning lines, music and choreography defines the actors' time. Equally important are the technical aspects of getting the sound, lights, costuming and other production tasks accomplished so that the actors look and sound the way they are intended to. You might ask, "What if a student doesn't get the part that they wanted?" I can tell you from experience that this hap-

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Just Jim

BY FEATURE WRITER JIM HAUGEN, C'51

A Day at Winship, 1945

On a nice spring day, I would leave my house at twenty minutes to nine for Winship grade school - a scant half block away. Winship was a three story pale yellow brick school, its date of construction, approximately 1908. This was displayed in big letters above the entrance. I walked beneath the budding tall cottonwood trees, across the well-worn ball field, glanced up at the fire-escapes we would climb when school was out, entered the back door and climbed up a series of steps into the dark paneled hallway. I then walked along the broad wood floor, turned left and climbed the old creaky stairs to Miss Neville's combined fifth and sixth grade classroom. I now think of Miss Neville as a "tough love" teacher, commanding strict discipline. She was highly respected by her students and was one of the best teachers I ever had. We all stood to say the pledge of allegiance and class began at the sound of the nine o' clock bell, except for Arvid Fodscar. Arvid lived two houses away and yet always arrived panting, a few minutes late. We swore that he didn't get up till the first bell resounded through the neighborhood at five to nine and dressed feverishly only to make a mad dash for school.

Penmanship was practiced daily, to me hopelessly, I was left handed and a naturally poor writer. We worked at a series of spiraling circles spanning the width of the paper, careful to keep them between the lines. Then progressed to writing cursive letters and sentences. Jane Dietrich sat ahead of me and I would look over her shoulder and admire her work. She had flawless penmanship and wrote with an unusual "rapidograph" pen. She was also very friendly, smart and attractive, I will forever idolize her as my first crush.

My buddy Art Throndset and I looked forward to spelldown time where we would compete and occasionally win against the sons and daughters of UND professors who were bused to Winship every day. I especially recall the spellers like Jerry Oehlan and Charles Cape, future medical doctors. Martha Barr (a budding artist like her renowned father) and Pat Julison, a very athletic girl from 2nd Ave. they both became school teachers. One day Miss Neville gave me the word "laboratory". I misspelled it by reversing the o and r and that day I had to sit down early. Throughout my life however, secretaries have remarked on my ability to spell. I attribute prowess to those days of spelldowns with Miss Neville.

We then moved on to the music room for choral practice with our young, cheerful music teacher, Miss Hoyne. In the spring, we were busy as we prepared for the annual all school spring concert at Central. One song, the Arkansas Traveler, forever sticks in my mind. "Once upon a time in Arkansas, an old man sat by his little cabin door and fiddled at a reel that he liked to hear, a jolly old reel that he played by ear". That year I ended up missing the concert. I received a surprising last minute call at Central from the Grand Forks Herald. They needed me to sell "Extras" at my First National Bank corner, telling of the death of Franklin Roosevelt.

After music Miss Neville listened to our book reports. Every week we would choose a book from the public library and report on it. I can still picture Miss Neville sitting backwards at a desk at the back of the room as I told her about the latest book I'd read, many times by a favorite author, Howard Pease. I read his entire series on the seafaring adventures of seamen on a cargo ship and looked forward to their repeated episodes.

It was perhaps a precursor of my future business travels.

And that's how I remember a day of grade school life, from 63 years ago.

-Just Jim

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pens in every show because there are only so many lead roles to be cast. This is where older students mentoring in SPA play a huge part. The younger students see the juniors and seniors make a minor part stand out by using facial expressions, gestures or just by the confidence that they show in performing their parts to the best of their abilities. They soon see that it isn't the part that makes the actor more memorable, but the actor that make a part more memorable. Along with rehearsals for shows, all students are given the opportunity to take voice and dance lessons at several different levels and even add a little Tropical Island sweetness by playing in Mike Blake's "Steel Drum Band". Along with the acting and technical skills learned, the SPA students from many different schools and towns form their own community, supporting each other both on and off of the stage. This bonding of students, with each other and with staff, have created many life long friendships.

Misti Koop, R'98, is completing the Masters Program in Theatre Performance at UND and is a six-year veteran of SPA, being in the program from 1992-1997. Misti's final SPA show was the 1997 version of "Keep The Faith" in which she acted, sang, danced and played a truly "wicked" saxophone solo in "Sump Pump Blues". Misti had this to say about how SPA had an impact on her life. "I started SPA after my sixth grade year in 1992. I was the only student from East Grand Forks in the program that summer but I quickly met new people and made new friends. The thought of doing theatre every day of the week for two months in the summer was thrilling to me. I signed up for as many extra components of the SPA Program that I could over the next six summers…jazz improv, vocal ensembles, voice lessons, dance classes. In the earlier days of SPA we had classes in magic, creative writing, dialects, scenic painting and mime. SPA gave me a place and a reason to grow theatrically. I was encouraged and exposed to people and other students with the same passion that I had. I grew as a person and an actress through my years of SPA. Working in many areas of theatre and music serves me to this day; I look back to my experience in instrumental jazz improv which helped me with college music theory, private and ensemble vocal training, dance training, directing and technical work. I've done technical and theatrical things I never would have had the chance to do if I had not been a part of the SPA Program. My core group of high school friends, made up of Red River, Central, and East Grand Forks theatre students, happened because of SPA uniting us. I am humbled and fortunate that I have the positive impact of SPA in my life and supporting the theatre work that I still do and will always do. Let me tell you, there is nothing like being a part of the final "Body Electric" at the end of your summer. Thank you SPA."

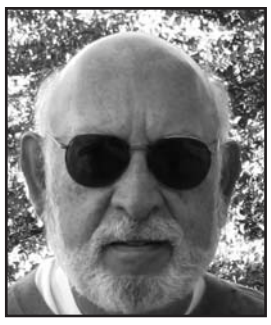
Dean Opp is the public "face" of SPA. He is the person out in the community networking with the school administrators, fundraising with individuals and businesses, and presenting the work of SPA to the public through the media. Dean also has a hand in the direction of most of the SPA productions along with a team consisting of Brad Sherwood, Connie Sherwood, Ken Sherwood, Rich McFarlane, Dr. Michael Weber, Allison Peterson, Angie Black-Erickson, Geoff Mercer, Cassel Everson, and Lori Young. Dean credits the outstanding success of the SPA Program to enthusiastic support from the Grand Forks Public School Administration, the people of the community and the talent of the students involved. I asked Dean what a student takes with them after their time in the SPA Program. He said that he hopes that students will have learned to work well as a team, have developed some personal ownership of the program and a greater love for the arts. Dean also feels that SPA has reached a plateau because of the confinements of rehearsal and performance space in Grand Forks. He said that Grand Forks has a real need for a larger performing space with "room to grow" for use by SPA, the Grand Cities Children's Choir and by the band and choir programs in many of the schools. Dean points out that a larger Performing Arts Center for students available to all of the cities performing arts programs would strengthen Grand Forks' position as a "Destination City"- a place where families would want to live and educate their children. As a SPA parent I can tell you that some of the more popular shows like the "Pirates of Penzance" and last summers "Les Miserables" had to be performed up to 13 times to accommodate more frequently than it used to and is exaggerated by the fact that SPA show dates are in July, traditionally the hottest month of the year. There has been discussion in the community of the possibility of the construction of a new Performing Arts Center that would give SPA and several performing arts programs in the school district the room that they need for existing programs, along with some "room to grow". Alumni, if you would like more information on the proposed Performing Arts Center, or would like to make a financial contribution to the construction of the center or to the SPA program, please contact Dean Opp at (701) 746-2400 ext. 100. If you plan to be in Grand Forks this summer and would like to see a SPA show, please phone ahead for ticket reservations. Performances this summer include "Oklahoma", the "Radio Broadway Review", and "Fiddler On The Roof". Performance information and information about the SPA Program can be found at www.spacompany.org.

As I said when I began this column several hundred words ago, I write about what I know and I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the Summer Performing Arts Company as a parent, audience member, and volunteer. I would also like to thank Dean Opp, Brad Sherwood, Allison Peterson, and all of the outstanding SPA staff for giving all of the SPA students a safe and nurturing atmosphere to perfect their technical and performance skills, encouraging them when they excelled and letting them know when they could have added more to thier performance. They are all finer students of life because of what they learned from you. "And in time they will all be stars", Thank you SPA!

Photos from the 2007 production of "Les Miserables"

The Land Of Golden Streets

BY GUEST WRITER MORLEY GLICKEN C'58



I'm writing this article in the midst of what seems like an increasingly contentious political campaign that has all the earmarks of widening the divide between Americans. This attack on the goodwill and competence of our political class results in the worst form of name calling and divisiveness at a time when the country begs for solutions.

As a first grader at Belmont Elementary School in Grand Forks I remember going with my class to see the documents in the Freedom Train and marveling at the fact that there before me were the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address, thrilling documents about freedom that made me think that no where could there be a better place than America.

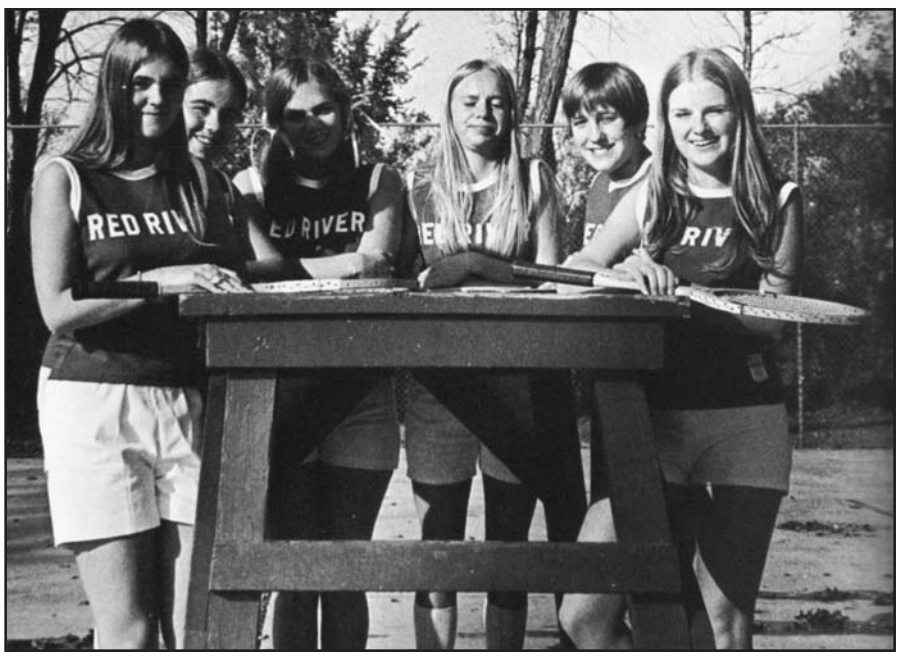
My parents were both from Eastern Europe and knew about hatred, bigotry, class warfare, and the lack of personal freedom first hand. When they came to America they saw the country as a safe haven, a land where metaphorically, the streets were paved with gold, and they vowed that they and their children would be the best Americans anyone could be: honest, civic minded, open to the beliefs of others, and endlessly excited about the opportunities that America offered poor Jewish people. They valued education. We were fortunate in Grand Forks to have exceptional schools. As an academic I can promise you that the student work I see around the country would have been sent back with stern notes from our teachers to do better, much, much better. The bar was raised very high and we were expected to reach it. I remember so many exceptional teachers at Belmont Elementary School, Central High, and the University of North Dakota who valued learning and gave us optimism to think that we could achieve at the highest level possible, many of us did.

I don't think it's easy to understand the way people feel who are different because of color, ethnicity, or religious beliefs in a fairly homogeneous place like Grand Forks, but you feel a bit out of sync. You know you're different and it develops a space between what others feel and believe, and what you do. It is, I suppose, the reason I became a social worker. That, and the fact that my mother and father practiced social work in their everyday lives. Not a Saturday went by at our home that a member of my father's railroad union didn't come with a problem, some so serious I wonder how he managed to help, but he did. He was the secretary-treasurer of the railroad clerks from somewhere in Minnesota to somewhere in Montana. He believed that all people had goodness inside, and that whatever they had done there was always the possibility of redemption.

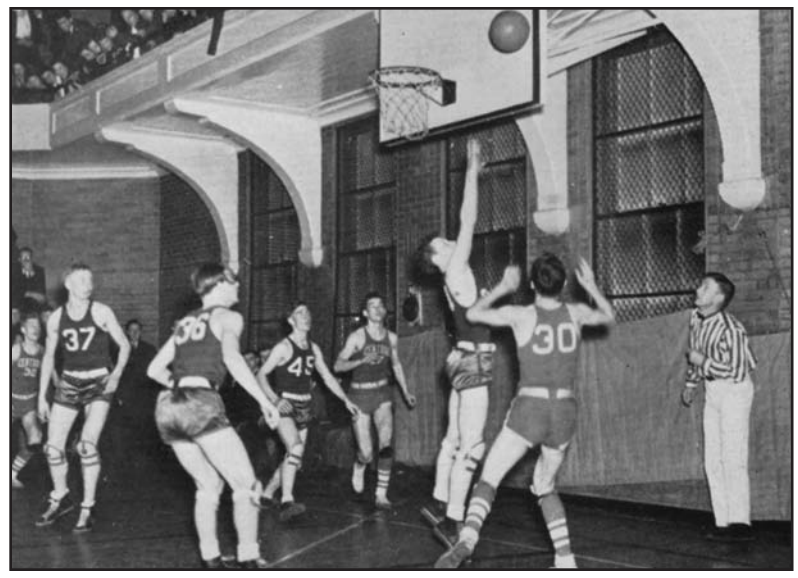
This is why this moment in our country troubles me so. I wonder if we've lost the desire to help one another or see the greatness of a nation that offers so many little people the opportunity to become successful beyond anyone's wildest imagination. I wonder too, if we've lost what Bertrand Russell called "the unbearable sympathy for the suffering of others." I hope not. I hope we are the same tough and resilient people we have always been with big hearts and the ability to welcome our neighbors, however different they may be from us. It is, after all, the North Dakota way, and as the child of immigrants, one I cherish.

Morley is a writer, academic, and consultant to social agencies. Morley lives in Prescott, AZ with his partner, Patricia Fox, his magical dog Max and thousands of varieties of birds.

1971 Riders Girls Tennis



From left to right: S. Bitney, J. Tsoumpas, K. Jackson, M. Hanson, T. Henrickson, J. Hanson. Missing - Coach Rita Sullivan.



The 1938 Grand Forks Central Boys Basketball team battles East Side for a bucket or two.

The Maroons lost by a single point with a final score of GFC 19 and EGF 20.

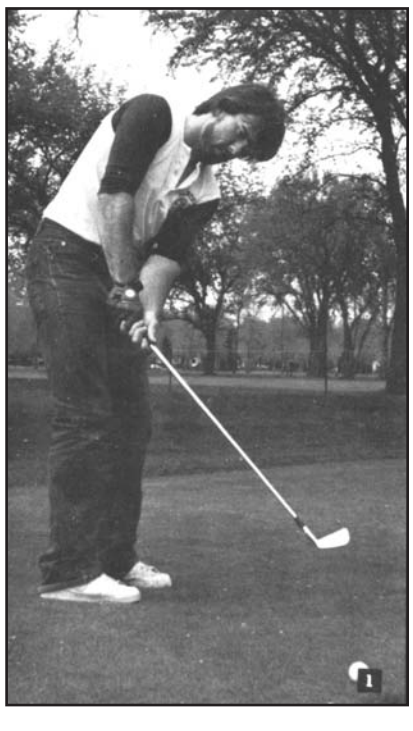
1962 GFC Track Team has Miles of Success

ABOVE: Coordination proved successful for this relay team to help capture the State Track Title.
BELOW: State High Jump Record holder, **Dick Anderson**, gets a congratulatory hand shake from **Coach Rio**.

1962 State Championship Team Members

Row 1: K. Howe, B.Farren, R.Bergh, R. Nelson, R. Haney, E. Armstrong, R. Koons.
Row 2: C. Folsom, C. Lee, L. Wicken, D, Anderson, J. Grina, L. Twedt, G. Johnson.

1981 Central Boys Golf



Left: Mike McKay's new style of putting led the CHS golf team to a 4th place finish in the State Championship. McKay sunk a 15 foot putt on the 1st hole of the playoff round to win the individual State Championship Title.

Right: McKay's unidentified teammate wasn't quite a lucky with this tough lie.

EDC CHAMPS

1994-95 Red River High School Gymnists claim the much deserved title.

Team Members: (not in order) Jamie Hastings, Stephanie Spong, Krissy Volker, Bobby Horner, Tammy Peterson, Becky Nyberg, Maureen Maves, Kassidy Stoa, Nichole Tollefson, Tina Burnstead, Kim Spies, Jana Tronvtvet.

Making Music & Friends

Madrigals

Red River High School 1972 Madrigals

Front Row: Jane Hanson, Gail Jensen, Rusty Nelson, Connie Sherwood, Mark Preston, Sandy Fors, Marsha Albaugh, Marc Miller.
Second Row: Greg McGraw, Ron Kresl, Jean Sheppard, Kim Pennington, Jeff Swenson, Cindy Orstad, Brad Larson.

16 Voices...flexible in their style...a pop tune with a guitar and string bass...or an english madrigal...performing out loud...for people who usually know a lot about music...you have to be right because everyone knows if you're wrong...you must be invited...it's an honor to be there...it is something to be proud of.

Madrigal members **Sandy Fors**, **Mark Preston**, and **Marsha Albaugh** share their musical talents.

Sherwood and Sherwood Presents...

It was a busy practice schedule for the twenty-eight cast members, with rehearsals after school and after supper almost every day~ their hard work paid off. It was **Brad Sherwood's** first musical at Red River. Brad and his father, Ken along with the help of **Gerry Schlenker's** colorful costumes and **Sue Anderson's** fantastic choreography, it was thought to be one of Red River's best musicals ever. Each of the six night performances were sold out.

~ MYSTERY PHOTO ~

CAN YOU NAME THESE 4 SENIOR CHORUS OFFICERS FROM CENTRAL CLASS OF 1953?

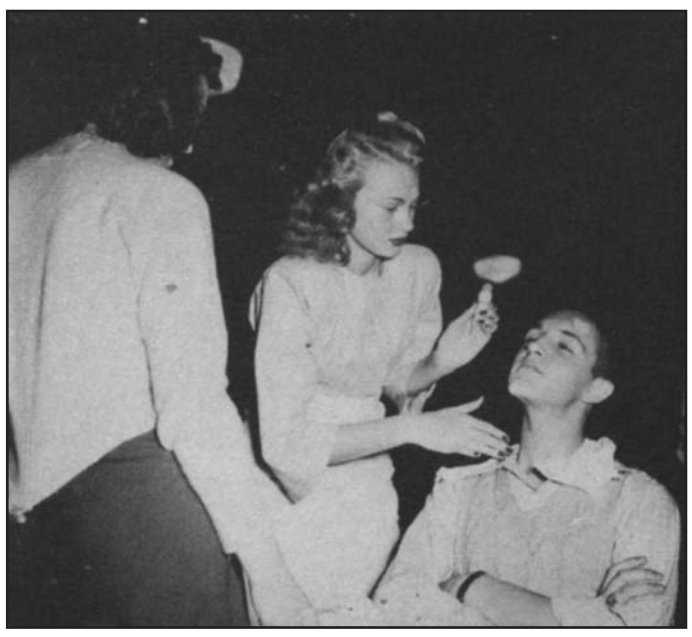
Nelson Rystad Helgaas Mrs. Barton

1934 Central Junior Music Club

Officers left to right: Doris Nelson, Treasurer; Isabelle Rystad, Secretary; Eleanor Helgaas, President; Advisor Mrs. Barton.

"A Date with Judy"

Jack Rau tries to calm **Allan Richards** as Mr. Foster in a scene from "A Date with Judy." Others pictured are **Janet Barker** as Mrs. Foster; and **Dody Gislason**. The play was presentated by the Central High School Junior Class of 1948.



Don Paul puts his confidence in **Thyra Jensen** for a good make-up job in preparation for the performance.

1992 Red River Theatre Guild

First Row: Randy Karels, Shantelle Johnson, and Jeff Brownson.
Second Row: Chris Thompson, Jonathan Brislin, and Katie Beaumier.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF JIM HAUGEN ON "CORNER GROCERY STORES" IN GRAND FORKS IN THE '40'S AND 50'S

By Lyle "Lefty Sorum, C'51

Jim Haugen, C'51, did a great job in remembering the "corner grocery stores" in the northend of Grand Forks in the 40's and 50's. A few other Northend stores that come to mind were Erickson's on 2nd Ave. N. within a stones throw of Duffy's Tavern. Newland's Store was not to far from the Hampton Apartments. (where Roger and Rudy Maris lived for about two years.) There was a small store in the basement of a building not too far off University Ave. near UND. I also remember a small store on the corner of, I believe, 2nd Ave N. in about the 1500 or 1600 block. Another 1951 classmate, **Pat Julison**, lived nearby. I vaguely recall a small store in the Riverside Park area.

I lived at 612 Walnut from '42 - '45 and attended Belmont School. I recall several of the small grocery stores in various areas of the southend. For a short period of time there was a very small "limited" line no name store in the front of a house at 602 Walnut. Christopherson's Store was located on the corner of Walnut and 7th Ave. Thorson's Store was located between Walnut and Cottonwood on 7th Ave. (It was interesting to note most, if not all of these small markets served a dual purpose, store in the front and living quarters in the rear or upstairs.) On 5th Ave. S. between Walnut and Chestnut there was a store that we called "Pa and Ma's", operated by a very elderly couple. I recall calling one time and asking if they had Prince Albert in the can, the response was "Ya", and of course the standard response from the call was, "You had better let him out before he dies!" I am sure that **Dale McLachlan,** C'51 or **Skip Mellem**, C'51 encouraged me to make the call.

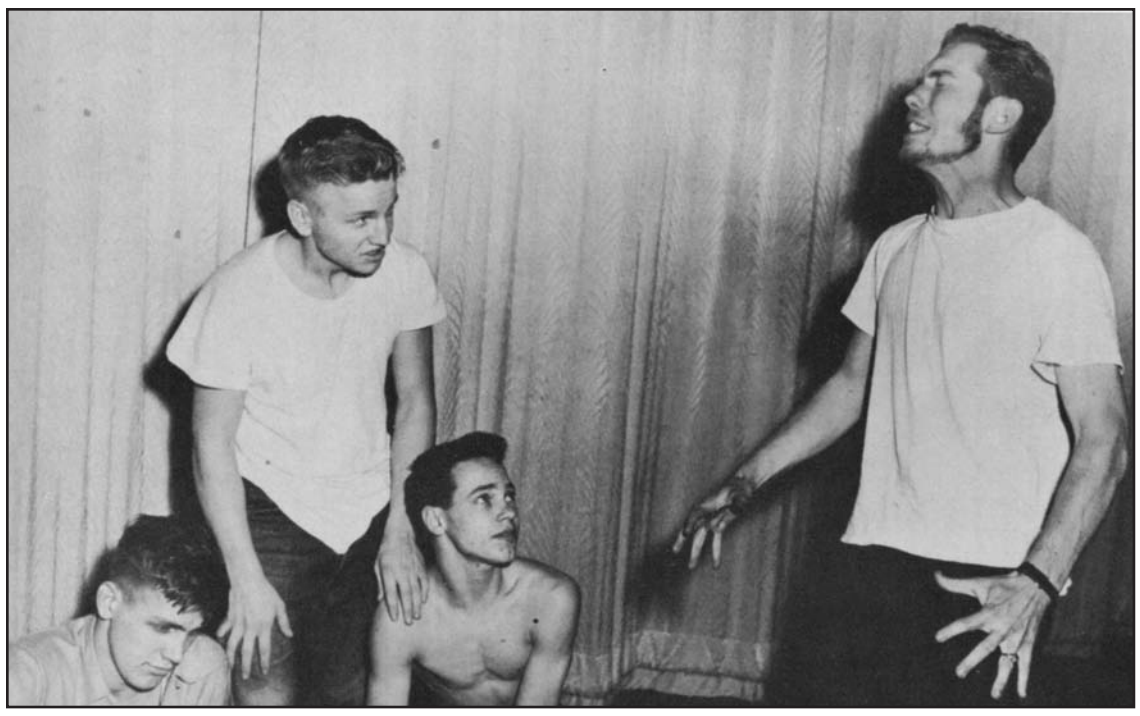
Let me see now, there was also a store in the basement of the Bellvue Apts down by Central Park. And a store on 3rd Ave. S. between Walnut and Chestnut. I believe at one time it was Hoff's. The Cottonwood Market was located in the 200 block and Cherry Market was located in the 500 block. A few others that come to mind are Adler's Market, I believe on the 400 block of Oak St. and another small store not to far from the ball fields and County Garage. **Cal Haliday**, C'51, might recall this one. Knutson's Store was between Walnut and Cherry Streets on 5th, 6th or 7th Ave.

Further out on the southend was Cal's formerly the Douglas Store, between Chestnut and Belmont on about 12th Ave. S. Near **Kay Holte's**, C'51. I believe there was a store in the 10 hundred block on Cottonwood. Also a small store on Chestnut in about the 900 block. The famous Rosenberg Meat Market located somewhere on 2nd or 3rd Ave. S.

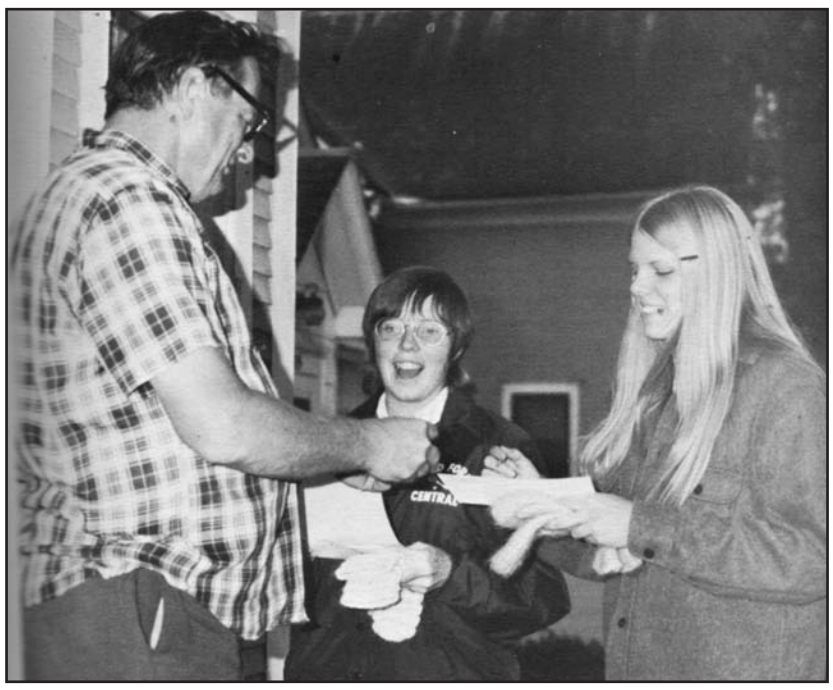
Well Jim, you jolted a few screws loose in my noggin' and I am sure I missed a few locations. Piecing this together sure brought back some great childhood memories. Think I will run out and try to find a "RC" Royal Crown Cola!

PLAY PRODUCTION

Rehearsal deems a bit stressful for some. One- Act Play Production Class from CHS 1954 pictured from left to right: **Warren Wick**, **Jerome Roseland**, **Gerhardt Meidt**, and **Deryl Duncan**.



CHS Student Council Awards Dollars for Scholars



Student Council President **Dave Paukert**, C'72, awards two very deserving seniors with Dollars for Scholars scholarships at the Spring Awards Day at Central High School.

1955 South Junior Sweater Girls

Sioux Science Club

Central's 1953 Science Club provides the opportunity to share students enthusiasm for the various fields of science. The height of the club was taking a trip to Devils Lake for the State Science Fair. The Science Club was lead by **Riney Goehl**, President; **Marilyn Elofson**, Vice President; **Robert Koons**, Secretary; **James Lade**, Advisor.

James Lade, Advisor

First Row; left to right: Marian Sand, Marie Wentzel, Beatrice Berg, Rosemarie Hansen, Ruth Ann Olson, Leonore Harvey, Leoralyn Aanestad.
Second Row; left to right: Marilyn Elofson, Darleen Nelson, Doris Knutson, Moonyeen Thorfinnson, Lois Thorpe, Donna Holstine, Ellen Eyler.
Third Row; left to right: Jerry Hehring, James Betsch, John Brett, Ken Danielson, Riney Goehl, Arlean Pederson, Joan Eliason, Roger Schlaefer.
Fourth Row; left to right: David Holten, Darien Nelson, Dennis Pederson, Tom Berge, Curtis Rystad, Maurice Nelson, Don Moen.

Today's School News

Educators and Employees are Honored For Their Years of Service

Retirees
Nancy Anderson
Ron Gruwell
JoAnn Hauger
Douglas Hiney
Carol Hinschberger
Rosemary Holweger
Denise Horpedahl
Marjorie Irwin
Linda Jenkins
Marna Kobe
Donald Kuznia
Gayle Laird
Fredrick Metzger
Kaye Mikkelsen
Veronica Moen
Luann Nelson
Melody Nord
Karol Nyberg
Jane Perkins
Lela Peterson
Karen Phelps
Toni Poochigian
Lorelee Roth
Gail Schmisek
Laurie Stenehjem
William Szymanski
Dennis Thue

25 Year Employees
JoNell Bakke
Trudy Bergh
James Dykstra
Laurie Harris
Marilyn Iverson
Linda Jenkins
Linda St. Onge
Rodney Wilhelmi

20 Year Employees
Janell Bethke
Jeffrey Bye
Pamela J. Carlson
Laurie Chase
Linda Durieux
Sandra Gregory
Bonnie Harmeson
Georgann Helle
Diana Iverson
Steven Kaldor
Jeanne Lunski
Jewell Miskavige
Cheryl Moats
Perry Nakonechny
Carrie Nelson
Lisa Perreault
Jeffrey Schatz
Bonnie Settelmeyer
Carol Shower
James Smith
Jennifer Straw
Jody Thompson

15 Year Employees
Tracy Abentroth
Pamela Beck
Barbara Delohery
Lori Eken
Richard Ferguson
Michael Glimsdahl
Nancy Greenwood
Arlene Grenier
Laurie Guy
Nancy Harstad
Tami Hoff
Laureen Hollifield
Penny Holmen
Kathy Holter
Jodie Johnson
Christine Kaiser
Eldora Klein
Dean Kreitinger
Mary Kulas
Dennis Lieberg
Richard Linback
Linda Lukaski
Jodi Mattson
Lynee Meier
Denise Miron
Rodney Mord
Beverly Morton
Kurt Muus
Donald Nagle
Diane Ness
Melody Nord
Margaret Olson
Diane Osowski
Marilyn Ripplinger
Beth Santiago
Tammy Spicer
Deborah Swanson
Carol Sween
Lana Wages
Melissa Wagner
Gregory Zukowski

10 Year Employees
Ellen Anderson
Kristopher Arason
Sara Bekkedahl
Michelle Bengtson
Scott Berge
Matthew Berglund
Joanne Bjerke
Sharon Boschee
Sharon Branvold
Kari Budge
Rita Burthold
Carol Cano
Cheryl Carlson
Andrea Charlebois
Cathy Coulter
Phyllis Curden
Deborah Dominick
Lynne Drees
Curtis Dvorak
Jennifer Ellertson
Amy Erickson
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Kristien Grzadzielewski
Brian Halvorson
Carol Hargreaves
Gail Hasz
Susan Heiden
Lila Hervey
Laurie Holcomb
Angela Jonasson
Diane Jones
Lynda Katka
Carla Kramer
Cindy Kringlen
Michael Kyle
Marcy Larson
Debra Larson-Bratager
Roger Leeson
Leona Lindgren
Linda Ludowese
Rodney Lundeen
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Karla Martian
Deanna Mattice
Keith McLaughlin
Roxanne Metelmann
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If you would like to honor any of these individuals with a gift to the Foundation, please send a check to the Grand Forks Foundation for Education PO Box 5475, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5475. You can also donate online at www.gffoundation.org/giving.htm and choose Give Today.

1956 Olympic Silver Medalist - Long Jump Melbourne, Australia

BY GUEST WRITER JOHN D. BENNETT C'50

John's Silver Medal

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN . . .

Let me call your attention to the "Center Ring" for you will soon be mesmerized by:

THE 29TH OLYMPIAD OF THE MODERN ERA

to be held at Beijing starting August 8, 2008

THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

Did I get your attention? Good...because on a world-wide basis nothing compares to the sites and sounds of the Summer Games held every four years. It comes to you in better than ever vivid color right into your living rooms with countless hours of superb coverage. Don't miss it. The "fireworks" start August 8th and end the 24th.

The site may be controversial to some but over look it. Boycotts hurt athletes, not nations. China is determined to make this the most colorful, best handled sports spectacle the world has ever seen. Billions have gone into the many venues and most are already finished since they have been laboring for years to prepare. Therese and I visited China for 22 days in 2000 and even then the major cities sported streamers promoting "08-08-08". They really wanted this high profile sports event on their soil for the first time.

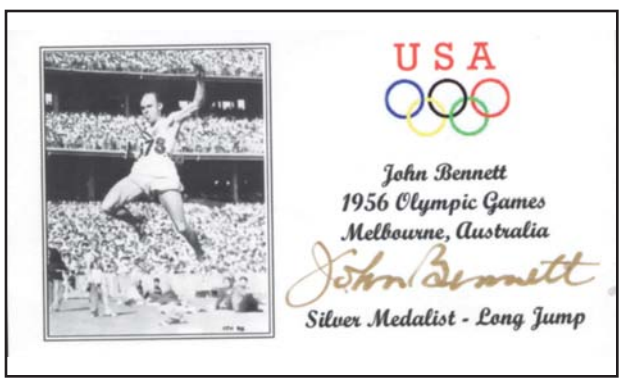
John and his wife,Therese at the 2004 Sports Hall of Fame in Jamestown, ND.

It's the best chance ever for China to prove it is at par with the best cities in the world holding this enormously complex event. I hope the thousands of athletes and spectators will "mellow out" and behave well and take in the splendor.

First of all, if you want to attend, tickets are available for the 28 sporting events. 3 1/2 hours of Opening Ceremonies on the 8th ... $1,750 - $5,995, only 3/5 sold out. Closing Ceremonies are on the 24th ... $750 - $950, only 3/5 sold out. Basketball anyone? Tickets go for $115 - $1,200. Tickets to the many days of track and field in National Stadium range from $175 - $300 per session. Two dates are sold out these are described as "Finals".

The Theme of the Games is "Concept of Harmony From An International Perspective". On your watch list don't miss the Opening Ceremonies highlighted by the International Committee's welcome to Beijing and their proclaiming the opening of the Games. Followed by: the parade of the Olympic flag around the track and flag raising, administering of the Olympic Oath for the athletes of the world, the parade of thousands of athletes around the track, entry of the Torch, circling of the track and lighting of the stadium cauldron, release of hundreds of doves, the awarding of gold, silver and bronze medals following each event and the national anthem of the gold medal nation on the victory stand.

The Olympic Association has developed a slogan... "Olympians: never former, never past." I can vouch for that as the requests for autographs and pictures have never stopped. My computer savvy daughter made up the card seen here a few years ago.



"Amazing things happen."

Thank you Red Cent. Thank you alumni.

John Bennett

FORD DODGE DEALER HONORED BY TIME AND GOODYEAR

Casey Johnson R'74 wins National Recognition for Community Service and Industry Accomplishments at NADA convention.

San Francisco, CA, February 9, 2008 - Casey Johnson, Dealer Principal of Fort Dodge Ford-Toyota, a Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Toyota dealership in Fort Dodge, Iowa, was honored today for his nomination for the 2008 TIME Magazine Dealer of the Year award. Johnson was one of a select group of dealers from across the country honored at this year's National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) convention in San Francisco. The announcement of this year's Dealer of the Year and finalists was made by Ed McCarrick, President and Worldwide Publisher of TIME Magazine and Johann Finkelmeier, Vice President and General Manager of Original Equipment Tires, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, at the opening business meeting of convention, which is attended by more than 25,000 individuals involved in the automobile industry.

The TIME Magazine Dealer of the Year award is the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted award for car dealers. Recipients are among the nation's most successful auto dealers. However they must also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to effective community service. Johnson, 51, was chosen to represent the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association in the national competition--one of only 51 automobile dealers, from more than 19,500 nationwide, nominated for the 39th annual award. The award is sponsored by TIME Magazine in association with Goodyear, and in cooperation with NADA. A panel of faculty members from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration selects each finalist.

After attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where he majored in business, Johnson went to work for the Brunswick Corp, where he served as V.P. of consumer products until 1992. He then returned to the dealership business as general manager of Rydell Chevrolet in Waterloo, Iowa, where he remained until the opportunity arose in 1996 for Johnson and his wife to purchase a dealership. "We sold every possession we owned for the capital investment and borrowed the rest," said Johnson. "At age 40, we eagerly started our career as car dealers." Under his management, the perennially profitable dealership has grown from 19 to 78 employees. Johnson has played an important part in revitalizing his community by converting a vacant 76,000 square foot strip mall into a new car dealership in 2003. "This building will enable our two sons the opportunity to carry on the family business for many years," noted Johnson.

In addition to his business successes, Johnson and his dealership have also supported a wide range of organizations and causes, including the American Heart Association, Public School Foundation, Community Action Network, Iowa Central College, the Girl Scouts and the Domestic Sexual Abuse Outreach Center. However Johnson cites his involvement with the Wheels for Work, which provides single mothers with transportation, as his most meaningful civic achievement. "We accept donated cars, complete all needed repairs at no cost, administer all titles and license paper work, coordinate insurance and hopefully make a positive impact on someone's life," said Johnson.

Nominated for the TIME Magazine Dealer of the Year award by Gary W. Thomas, President of the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association, Casey Johnson lives in Fort Dodge with his wife Debra. The couple has two sons.

Peg and Alf in New Orleans

A report on a church trip to help out.

February, 2008

Our trip to New Orleans went very well. A shock to see such widespread poverty, especially for a northern type not too often outside their comfort zone. We spent 5 days putting up sheetrock, taping and painting. We had it easy compared to some of our companions who were tearing down walls, roofing and tiling.

Janelle, the lady whose house we were working on came to visit a couple of times. She is a great grandma raising her great grandchildren, the smallest is four and is missing an arm and several fingers on the other hand due to a crack addict mother. She was very appreciative of our efforts. They have lived in a FEMA trailer for 2 1/2 years and March 31, 2008 they need to be out of their present "home".

I can see the need for volunteers to help victims of Katrina. The government is no longer subsidizing any of the disaster relief, to this area anyway. I think Red Cross is still in there, as are churches and probably other non-profits.

The Grand Forks flood was devastating, except no wind and fewer people were affected. In New Orleans the victims were not only flooded out but many just blown away. Janelle said the water surge came up to the top of the doors in her house.

This picture is a painting on a wall in our site center in New Orleans. I painted a tree and had the volunteers in our group put their hand prints above, or in some cases below, the extended branches ... so we kind of left our mark at Bethlehem Center, with these appropriately chosen words: "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations". Rev.22:2

It was a good experience. I feel we made a difference, and that's the main thing. If you're interested, go to the web site of Bethlehem Volunteer Center, Bundy Rd, New Orleans, LA.

Clyde Kobberdahl sent this picture reporting that these "handsome gentlemen" get together in Bemidji, Minnesota on July 26, 2007. From left to right: **William "Bill" Claypool, Clyde Kobberdahl, Don Bye and Dennis "Denny" Mayer**.

Hall of Fame induction 'Such an honor' for former Tri-Cities music instructor

By Dori O'Neal, Herald staff writer

Musician **Don Paul** C'49 left and indelible mark on hundreds of students during the 30-plus years he taught in the Tri-Cities.

His devotion to music, as well as the young musicians he inspired during those years, was recognized when Paul was inducted into the Washington Music Educators Association's Hall of Fame recently. The recognition was far overdue, said Don Clausen of Olympia, president of the association.

"(Paul) represents the kind of teacher that had high expectations for not only himself, but his students, whether they were innately gifted or challenged as musicians," Clausen said. "He always treated us with respect and made the classroom a joyful place to be." Clausen spoke from experience -- he was one of Paul's students at Kennewick High School in the 1960's.

At age 76, Paul of Kennewick is an unassuming man who still plays a mean trumpet. The hall of fame induction was not only a surprise, he said, but also "such and honor for me. Truly and honor."

Paul grew up in Grand Forks, N.D. His love of music began as a boy when it finally was his turn to inherit the cello from his older brothers. "By the time that cello got to me I took a real liking to it," he said. But a youthful fall put and end to his cello playing. The spinal injury hindered his ability to draw the bow across the strings of the wide instrument, he explained. So he took up playing brass instruments instead, along with woodwinds and guitar. Though he has played professionally in many concert bands, orchestras and ensembles, it was teaching that nurtured his soul.

"There is never a downside to teaching music," he said. "But students need to make the time for it. If students get interested in music, they're an all-around good student. I've seen it happen time and again during the years I taught. But it also takes parental involvement to keep kids interested in music."

Paul's teaching career began in a small town in Montana in 1955. It was there he met his future wife Jan, who also was a teacher. But they didn't marry right away. He went off to get his master's degree in music at the University of Minnesota, and Jan took a teaching job in Great Falls, Mont. On Christmas Day 1957, they tied the knot. Then in 1961, they headed west, where Paul took the band director job at Kennewick High. "We pulled a 40-foot mobile home, which we had lived in for three years, from Montana to Kennewick," Paul said. "I've done some dumb things in my life, but pulling that mobile home was the dumbest." Paul spent 12 years at Kennewick High before he went to Columbia Basin College, where he spent the next 20 years until his retirement in 1993. While at CBC he organized the Mid-Columbia Community Concert Band in 1976, which he stills plays in from time to time. He also founded the Jazz Unlimited competition, which remains one of the premier high school jazz festivals in the Northwest.

His achievements also include being named outstanding music educator by the state association in 1994. "Don was an outstanding teacher who inspired and brought out the best in his students with a no-nonsense approach," Clausen said. "He possessed a passion and skill for music and music education that inspired esprit de corps (in students)."

Among his students who went to play professionally for a living is saxophonist Barry Bergstrom, who plays frequently with the Jimmy Dorset Band and other notable big bands. Other familiar names to the Tri-City music scene who were students of Paul include Dave McNeese and Kurt Gustafson.

Even though Paul has been retired for several years, he hasn't lost any of his youthful zest for music.

"You're never too old for music," he said with a sly smile.

A Letter from Milada White, C'31

Milada & Garth now live in Santa Clarita, CA.

Dear President Brian Kraft,

I was born in 1918 after the first world war when my father rented his farm land in Tabor, MN. We had moved into a farm house that even had a barn to shelter my father's two horses and three cows and chickens. We lived at 546 Skidmore Ave. which was on the outskirts on the road to the cemetery and fair grounds. This is now Gateway Dr. Tabor was a Czech community and I spoke very little English. My 1st grade teacher was a Miss Graber at Wilder school.

I skip to say that I was a privileged girl to be able to attend Central High. A group of us walked daily down 5th St. I was not active in after school activities because I had cows to milk. I attended UND and taught in the Women's Phy, Ed. Dept for two years. I then married Garth and we continued to live on Gateway Drive. Our oldest son also started school at Wilder. We remained in Grand Forks til 1950. This was our good move to Jamestown and Garth's work at that fine college.

Here I will do a bit of bragging as I was the first woman on the school board. I was pushed to be on the ballot because the women did not even have a private room adjacent to a rest room where they could relax. Those men teachers had their space down in the furnace or boiler room. This good fun came to an end when we moved to Jamestown in 1950. We had four children and I became a busy mother with new challenges.

Each morning Garth comes to breakfast and before he turns on the TV he recites from his "little black book" what we did on this day exactly ten years ago. We get daily joy from our past memories. Those little books are all stored in my cedar chest, dating back to the '50's when we lived in Jamestown.

1930s

Helen AMBERRY Solee, C'39, attended her brothers 85th birthday party in Seal Beach California. It was a Big Bash put on by another Dr. friend. Sixty nine people were in attendance. Helen lives in Lincoln, NE. During her years of employment she was an L.P.N. and worked in Deaconess Hospital, G.F. She remembers her favorite teacher Miss Neville at Winship School

Melvin Peterson, C'39, lives in Grand Forks and spends his summer weekends at Lake of the Woods in Minnesota. He loves to travel to Wisconsin to see his great-granddaughters and a new grandson. During the summer he loves to garden. He retired from BN Railroad.

Leonard Greenberg, C'37, lives in Greenrae, Ca and has been retired for 23 years. He lives with wife and is very active in his retirement community. His two children are back in college at ages 51 and 53. One is getting an MBA while the other who has an MBA is changing her career to interior design.

1940s

James Robertson, C'44, lives in St. Louis, MO with his wife. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday with his family in New Jersey. James retired in 1992 from Osborne Abarr, an advertising agency formed by Monsanto where he had previously been employed. His job involved extensive international travel. He has a son and daughter in Northern New Jersey and five grandchildren. His wife's family is in the St. Louis area and she has two grandchildren. He has great memories of walking the railroad bridge to school .

Bernard Brown, C'48, lives in Chicago, IL and continues to teach one course per year at the The University of Chicago. Bernard and his wife offer each of their grandchildren a trip to a place of their choice when they turn 14. So far they have traveled to Germany, England, Italy, Ireland, Costa Rica, Spain, Australia and Sicily. Bernard has great memories of the exceptional music program at Central High School.

C. Dyke "Punky" Page, C'45, lives in Union, Ky. He celebrated his 80th birthday with 120 people. His children and grandchildren put on a song and dance show and presented a CD entitled "This is My Life" which contained pictures of him in Grand Forks with his sister. He remembers playing baseball with friends at Central Park, riding bikes and the big March 15th snow storm with over 200 inches of snow.

Frances Sorenson, C'43, moved from Kalispell MT to a retirement home in Burnsville, MN in 2007. She has three sons and seven grandchildren. Her youngest son, Jim lives in Burnsville. Frances is retired from her career of running the elementary band program in Kalispell, MT.

Arthur Herman, C'48, lives in Stevens Point, WI with his wife of 52 years, Barbara. The have a son who is a writer, a daughter who is an attorney with the Justice Department in D.C. and the mother of their two delightful grandchildren. Arthur is still teaching at age 76 and is still writing and lecturing.

Fred Arnason, C'45, lives in Grand Forks and has been retired for 15 years. His wife, Helene Marie Rousseau from St. Norbert, Manitoba, passed away in 2004.

Sally LYSTAD Larsen, C'49 lives in Fargo, ND and enjoys spending time with her eight grandchildren. Sally has taken trips to Russia where she went on a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg; and Israel to Jordan. Sally has wonderful memories of snow storms and school being canceled.

Orrin Westberg, C'46, lives in Newport, OR with his wife Blanche. Together they have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Orrin has been retired for 20 years. His highlights of growing up in Grand Forks are ice skating at UND, Friday night sock hops and Sadie Hawkins dances.

Jarl D. Bergland, C'49, lives in Brownsville TX, says that he recently retired and has begun living as a retired person. He was a health care administrator. He has great memories of peeling potatoes for 10 cents a bushel.

Duane Schue, C'42, recently made a tour of his travels during WWII in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria. His favorite memory of high school is all the participation in activities.

Russell Rohde, C'48, lives in West Covina, CA where he is retired from car-

Linda **SOLI** Lamoureux, R78 and her familylast summer.
L.to R. Pierre Paul, Mario, Monique, Pierre, Jocelyne, Linda, Jean-Phillipe, Jaques.

School Friendships

BY GUEST WRITER NEIL QUIGLEY, C'52

Have you ever thought back to the very first time you met someone who later became a life-long friend? If you are like me, you really cannot recall that very first meeting.

I transferred to Central in February 1948, as an eighth grader. I remember that I was assigned to a homeroom class in history or geography, with a male teacher. There were no available desks and I sat at the reference book table. Talk about a shy kid being put at center stage! I was very uncomfortable as the new kid who sat by himself.

I remember that **Bob Falos**, **Mert Thompson** and **Neil Martine** were in the same homeroom, and I believe **Neil Rowe**, **Ginny Black** and **Marilyn Thrall** were too. I do not recall the first actual meeting or "hello" with any of them. Bob and I later became basketball, football, and softball teammates and lifelong friends. We have stayed in touch over the years. Having two other Neil's in the same room surprised me. I had lived in four other towns by the eighth grade, and did not recall a single other classmate named Neil!

Grand Forks was not a large town and very little time passed before I became friends with some others at Central, South Junior and even St. James and East Grand Forks Central. We lived at 701 North 5th St. for the first nine months so I spent "knock around time" with neighborhood kids who were mostly two years older than me.

That fall I began to play school sports as a ninth grader, and drifted to spending more time with classmates in Central's athletic programs. Still, I only remember Bob as being more that a schoolmate, although **Marvin Duncan** (a teammate on the freshman and sophomore basketball teams) became a hunting, fishing and work companion.

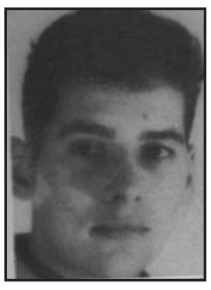
It was during preseason football practice of my sophomore year that I actually met South Junior alums and classmates **Glen Sherwood**, **Martin "Duke" Evenson, Ron Kavadas, Frank Berry and Don Deist** who all became life long friends. I had previously known them only by name and sight. By the time duck season opened on October 1st, Glen and Duke (who had been best friends since 5th grade) invited me to join their weekend duck hunting party. They quickly became my closest friends.

The other members of the duck hunting crew were Glen's dad, Dwight Sherwood and Vincent "Windy" Holweger. Most knew Dwight was Central's outstanding music teacher for so many years (Dwight was very deserving to be one of the first Grand Forks Public Schools Teachers Hall of Fame inductees). I fled participating in his music programs at the first opportunity it was not required. He never held that against me. I could not sing a "lick". Dwight was a wonderful person and a great hunting companion. Later on, I was privileged to share many times with the Sherwood family at their cabin near Bemidji, MN. I lived with Dwight and Ida for almost a year and a half while attending UND after my parents transferred to Blaine, WA. No finer people lived than Glen's parents.

Windy Holweger, who only attended school through the second grade, was an expert airplane and auto mechanic, carpenter and cabinet maker. He came by his nickname honestly, he could spin interesting tales. Glen had become acquainted while working as a flagger for neighbor Guy Wright in his air spraying business. Windy was a bit rough around the edges, but a good friend. He died while dancing with his wife Ruth, at the Grand Forks Elks Club when he was only 50.

Our family moved from North 5th Street to 106 Seward Avenue in Riverside Park in November 1948. John Knauf, C'52, lived on Lewis Boulevard and he transferred to Central from St. James his junior year, primarily for hockey team opportunities. He and I walked to and from school daily and were football and hockey teammates for two years. We also enjoyed hunting and fishing together. john and I still keep in touch.

Pat Gordon was another Riverside Park classmate and football teammate. It was only after college that we became better acquainted and good friends. I came to enjoy his off beat humor. Not many who knew pat in high school know that he invented and patented a rubber band fly killin gun, and later organized a private club for gun owners! With each lifelong friendship I cannot recall the first time we said hello or talked. I cannot see into the future and never know who will become more than a temporary acquaintance. I do know that I treasure those who became lifelong friends more and more as the years pass.



diology and is working in a law office where he deciphers medical data about the bad guy and injuries. He has one daughter, Jennifer who will begin practicing law this year. Russell says his memories of growing up in Grand Forks are all magnificent.

Dick Norman, C'42, lives in Carmichael, CA with his wife **Catherine MCDONALD Norman**, SJA'44, and is retired from Dean of Counseling at a local college. Last year he spent two weeks in France chasing down family history and cultural backgrounds. Dick has six kids. He remembers the winters in Grand Forks and the snow being deep, white, cold and beautiful.

Petronella E. HASTINGS Shirk, C'44, lives in Fargo, ND and has a seven-plex where she does all the painting, cleaning and repairs. She also loves her flower gardens and going dancing as long as the band is not too loud. Petronella has four sons, three grand children and three great grandchildren. Her husband, **Orland 'Buck' Shirk,** C'40, died twenty four years ago. Last year her son came home from California and married the girl from across the alley, her siblings were all there. It was the first time they were together since their parents death thirteen years before.

Donald Purvis, C'49 and his wife **Dalores "Dolly" SIEGEL Purvis,** C'52, live in Visalia, Ca. they have five daughters, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Gordon Trotter, C'41, lives in Rancho Cordova, CA. His wife Thekla 'Schatzi' of sixty years passed away on December 6, 2006. Gordon has four daughters, one son, three son in laws, five grandsons, two granddaughters, two great granddaughters and one grandson. He is retired after thirty two years in the military.

Richard 'Diddy' Quesnell, C'44 lives in Grand Forks. Diddy married **Margaret SHAFT**, C'44 in 1946 and she passed away in 1998 after 52 years of marriage. They had five children who are all alum of Grand Forks Central. After 60 years or so of being involved in boxing in one way or another and being ND State Athletic Commissioner for 19 years Diddy retired.

Rosella WIMPFHEIMER Ritchie, C'40, lives in Tucson, AZ with her husband Lyle. They have two sons. Rosella worked for the government. She is now retired. She believes that at the time she was in school students were guided to courses that prepared them for college and life in general.

Merilynn TAINTOR Liebelt, C'46, lives in Beulah, ND where she teaches music lessons and occasionally substitutes in the high school. Last year she played the piano in an ensemble concert to benefit the Crisis Center in Minot, ND. Merilynn's daughter Lori is a professional singer living in Munich, Germany and sings throughout Europe.

1950s

Marian DAY Herzer, C'51, lives in Spokane, WA with her husband Kaye. Together they lead the Inland Northwest Senior Wellness Conference in Spokane which is a one day event and is attended by 1,450 people. In 2006 Marian was named to "Who's Who In American Women". They have six grandchildren. In 2007, the entire family spent Christmas together (14 in all) at Whistler Mt. in Vancouver, B.C.

Martha BARR Liebert, C'51, lives in Bernalillo, New Mexico. She hosted a Smithsonian Exhibition in her County Historical Society with programming. Martha has a son, Thor who is a doctor and practices in Montana. She and her husband celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

Gloria QUANRUD Wright, C'50 lives in Lake Havasu City, AZ and says she has met other Central grads there and have become great friends with them. She and her husband, James, have two sons who live in Minnesota. She and her husband spend eight months in Lake Havasu, and four months in Duluth.

John Beau Lac, C'53, lives in Grand Forks with his wife of 54 years, **Kaye STEPHENS**, C'53. Together they have sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. John has been retired since 1996. His last job was Director of Kittson County Social Services for twenty two years. John is proud to report that he was one of about twenty that attended school at South Junior High for four years and never flunked a class.

David Holten, C'53, lives in Albuquerque, NM, where he still practices medicine two days a week. He has been married for fourty-eight years and they have two children. He recently became a lifetime member of the Academy of Family Physicians. His excellent teachers and small classes in Grand Forks prepared him for medicine.

Marilyn HANKERSON Beam, C'58, lives in Eden Prairie, MN and says she loves being back in the upper midwest. Her part time job which is close to where she lives is keeping her busy and active. She states that she doesn't think she'll ever fully retire, and accredits that to her Grand Forks work ethic. She has two sons, Doug and Eric. She has fond memories of Grand Forks and the many park board activities she was involved in.

William McCloskey, C'53, and his wife **Jackie LOGAN**, SJA'53, live in Coon Rapids, MN. William retired in 1990 after thirty-one years with the Great Northern/Burlington Northern RailRoad. William and Jackie have four children and eight grandchildren. William says he is thankful for the care-free life of growing up in small town Grand Forks where nobody worried about kids safety. He loved fishing at "the dam" and camping along the river.

Robert Goehl, C'59, lives in San Diego, CA and is retired after thirty-seven years of dental practice in San Diego. He has a daughter who lives in Wayzata, MN. She is married and they have three children.

Clifford Mathews, C'52, sold their home in Brooklyn Park, MN and moved to their son's farm in Milaca, MN. Their son has six children who are still at home. Clifford also has one great- grandchild. Since retirement Clifford has taken up a gardening.

Beverly BURAU Balow, C'51, lives in Sacramento CA. She and her husband have nine grandchildren, eight grandsons and one granddaughter. They spend their winters in Scottsdale, AZ. She loves retirement, babysitting grandchildren and knitting and reading. Having the great teachers that she did, influenced her to become a teacher.

Charles Christopher, C'55, lives in Alexandria, MN with his wife, Ana. His family surprised him with a "70th birthday party". They get together often with their four children and four grandchildren although they are scattered in different locations. Since his retirement in 1998 he and his wife live on Lake Ida in Alexandria, MN and have a home in Apache Junction, AZ. He says that growing up in Grand Forks meant always having something to do or places to go. He and his friends were never bored. His school experience showed him to always stay focussed on a goal to achieve.

Roger Schlaefer, C'53, and wife Marge live in Waukee, IA. On a recent trip to Grand Forks, Roger says he was awed by the wonderful progress of recovery in the city's parks, businesses, schools and residential areas. Roger is retired and says his good health allows him to grow daily in the awareness of new opportunities where he finds much fun and pleasure. He remembers winters in Grand Forks and not realizing how cold it was.

Marion SAND Askim, C'53, lives in Minot, ND. She and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their five children, spouses and nine grandchildren in Medora in August of 2007.

Gary Thorfinnson, C'58, lives in Sun City AZ with his wife **Elaine RUUD**, C'59, they love retirement. He spends a lot of time golfing, traveling and spending summers at their lake home in Couer D' Alene Idaho. He and his wife has three grown children.

Charles McWilliams, C'56, lives in Arvilla, ND and is married to **Elizabeth**

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Spring

BY GUEST WRITER DAVE SCHIMKE, C'61

Eighteen months ago I agreed to write two articles for the Red Cent. A year has passed since the first deadline and now I'm being pressured again! Time goes by so fast.

Spring in Grand Forks arrived when the DQ opened on South Washington. Real ice cream lovers would stand outside in the cold north wind waiting for a medium sized fifteen cent cone. Those who wished to splurge paid fifty cents for a large banana split. High school students wearing heavily starched white uniforms were paid fifty cents an hour to start, and real seasoned professionals earned a quarter more. My first manager was Jack Gray.

Spring ensures cold weather golf, tennis and track. Students began to search for summer jobs. It was also a good time to sign up for summer driving lessons with the instructor who stood a coke bottle on the floor and expected smooth starts and stops so it did not fall over.

Spring brings thought of graduation and reunions. Do you realize three short years from now the class of '61 has the opportunity to celebrate its 50th anniversary? I believe we had about 260 graduates in our class. We have ample time to plan one last big gathering in 2011. Put me down as a volunteer. I challenge other '61 graduates to raise their hand and be a part of this fun chapter in our lives.

SPRING - a time to grow. The farmers in the valley and their families taught us much about hard work, success often hinged on weather and perseverance. In our different careers and life journeys we learned those same lessons. How are we doing to pass that message to our kids and grandkids.

Alumni News, continued

DRAXTON McWilliams, C'58. They have two daughters, Brenda and Lisa and three grandchildren. Charles retired from BNSF after forty-two years. He started on the railroad right out of high school maintaining track. He is now enjoying his hobbies. His memories of Grand Forks are hockey at the old barn and UND football. He also remembers Riverside pool/park and the Starlite theatre. Charles worked after school for Myron Weekly and says he learned a lot from him.

Gloria BROUSE White, C'58, lives in St. Michael, MN. She spent a fun filled week last March in Southern California with her potluck friends. She has five children and ten grandchildren.

Beth WOLD Mullinax C'50, lives in Fridley, MN and is into her sixteenth year of retirement and enjoying every minute of it. She enjoys working on her family's genealogy. She has finished with the Sullivans and is wrapping up the rest. She remembers the cold of Grand Forks and playing with the gang.

1960s

Arthur 'Archie' Haugen, C'62, lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. He recently bought a floating home. At age thirty-five he bought a business doing what he loves and says he hasn't worked since. Archie says he remembers freezing his assets in Grand Forks, and has since turned into a sun and beach person.

Julianne 'Jolly' LINDQUIST Stuemke, C'63, lives in Park Rapids, MN. She has four grand dogs and three grandchildren. Her two daughters are both teachers and her son is in construction. Jolly is retired but is still working as a part time Bailiff and as a Visitor of the Court.

Paul Drees, C'63, was

recently elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving at risk youth and their families at six locations throughout North Dakota. Paul is a CPA and continues to practice on a limited basis at the firm, Drees, Riskey and Vallager, LTD., which is headquartered in Grand Forks. Paul and his wife Linda, split their time between Grand Forks, Bemidji, MN and Sioux Narrows, ON and enjoy many activities associated with the great outdoors.

David Jeffrey, C'66, lives in Tuscon AZ, but spent seven weeks in Grand Forks last summer playing music with "Cornerstones" at the "Urban Stampede". He and his wife Peggy have a condo in Grand Forks on Cherry Street. David is still working in music in Tucson. He has great memories of watching hockey in the old "barn" at UND. He says playing in the Central High School band got him started in music.

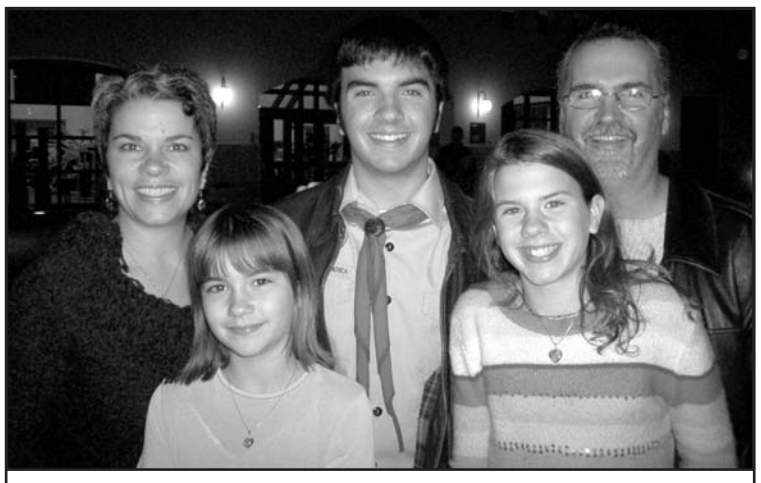
Mary BOE Wilson, C'63, recently purchased a home in Tuscon, AZ with her significant other. They still spend the summers in Grand Lake, CO which is at the foot step of Rocky Mt. National Park. They are in the process of building a home in San Pancho, MX, a small village just north of Puerto Vallarta. She says it has been a wonderful and fun experience. She hopes to have it competed by this spring. She still has a small jewelry business, loves to hike and adores her two wire haired Daschunds.

Richard Prondzinski,

C'69, lives in Grass Valley, CA with "the girl of his dreams." He is a tenured faculty member at YBA College, Marysville, CA. He remembers mosquitoes and "all of the big fish in a small pond". He says he doesn't miss Grand Forks at all, but does miss some old friends.

Darlyn PLANTIKO Petrini, C'62, was re-married last year to David Fowler who is a native of California. They live in Redondo Beach, CA. She has a son, Christopher who is married and she says that his wife Kristine is a wonderful addition to their family. Darlyn is a retired nursing home administrator.

John Evangelist, C'64, recently retired after a thirty eight year career in public education in California. The final eight years have been as Principal of Southwest High School in El Centro, CA. His wife Linda and he just celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have two grown sons, both are married and they have six grandchildren. He is keeping busy in retirement by traveling with his wife, coaching his oldest granddaughter's eighth grade volleyball team and radio broadcasting high school football games with his oldest son. He looks forward to hooking up with fellow '64 graduates, **Gary Gillis, Tim Monda, Earl Sellie, John Thoraldson** and **Alex Cooley** in Phoenix in March. His fondest memories of school was being involved in sports, year round at Central.



After spending three years working at a Christian camp near Naples, Italy with their three children, Daniel, Kaylene, and Ceciley, Gayle GOODWIN, C'80, and Jamie Pund have been appointed as career missionaries with WorldVenture, where Jamie will be the Pastor of Bible Study Ministries and Gayle will use her experience as a dance teacher to teach worship through dance to the youth in the church. They hope to return to Naples next year, after Jamie graduates from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul.

David Sperling, C'64,

lives in Downey, CA. For the past two years he has been recovering from serious health problems. His wife, Judith works and teaches at UCLA. She is looking forward to retirement soon. David is retired from Los Angelas County as an Administrative Services Manager after thirty years. He was encouraged by Valley Junior High teachers Roy Trueblood and H.S. Carlson to prepare for college.

Garreth Gunderson, C'64 lives in Afton, MN. He has two daughters, his eldest is a successful engineer and his younger daughter is an Intelligence Arabic Language Specialist in the US Army. His memories of Grand Forks are of his great teachers, friends and classmates.

Brian McClure, C'64, lives in Bismarck, ND and says that he recently rejoined the ranks of single persons. His mother and father are still alive and live in Bismarck. His son and daughter both live in the Minneapolis area. He is the Human Resources Manager for Country Healthcare in Bismarck. He reports that work is challenging and retirement is years away. He says the overall experience of attending Central - the caring teachers - the many fun events and sports.

Jane HUGHES Butts, C'64, is living in Hayden Lake, ID near her sister, brothers and father. She is widowed. Jane is still working in law but only three days a week. She says she is not quite ready to retire. Jane remembers her hair freezing walking from the pool at the Y to classes at 8:00 a. m. She is often asked "Where did you learn that" when applying things she learned from Dorothy Travis' classes.

Walter 'Tom' Myrtle, C'66, is retired from the Virginia State Police Department. He has been working as a part time Chief of Police in Edinburg, VA.

Joanne WEDIN Eason, C'60, wrote in with memories of ice skating at University Park and at UND arena, going to football games and

having potlucks with "special" friends on Fridays before the games.

Mark Kolstoe, C'69 is currently a Command Information Assurance Manager for the Naval Air Warfare Weapons Division and is planning to retire in 2011. I recently purchased a lake cabin from my aunt in the Bemidji, MN area and plan to spend the non-snow half of the year there during retirement. My wife Susan is a Registered Nurse First Assistant at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. My daughter, Erica Elwell, Spring Lake Park, MN is married and working at General Mills. My son, Evan, Oslo, Norway is attending Graduate School in Food Safety. Grand Forks was a GREAT place to grow up. We could leave our doors unlocked, kids could ride their bikes anywhere, you could trick or treat without parents, and the shopping had everything you need. My years in the band with Bill Pond and the years working as statistician for the basketball team showed me the values of working together as a team to create beautiful music or an athletic victory.

Gail STRIKER, C'67, lives in Cathedral City, CA. She has been living in this area for about four months now. She moved there to help her parents. Her mother has since passed away. She may relocate back to San Diego depending on where she gets a job. Gail says she loves San Diego as it has a small town mentality even though it is a big city and the climate is perfect, not too hot, not too cold. Gail says she loves the desert as it is pretty but way too hot in the summer. Gail is a breast cancer survivor. Gail is a certified Reiki healer (energy healing) as well as being a claims professional.

Linda WOLFGRAM Randow,

C'65, lives in Huron, SD where she works at the hospital as a receptionist/switchboard operator outside the ER. She says that she absolutely loves it! Her hours, three twelve hour shifts at night each week, allow her a lot of time to go camping with her husband and two dogs. Her husband retired in March 2007. The enjoy visiting their seven grandchildren. Linda says that she was not involved in any outside school activities as she worked all through her high school years but very much loved Central.

Laurae JOHNSON Lygre, C'61, lives in Ellensburg with her husband David who will retire in April 2008 as a professor of Chemical and Biochemical at Central Washington University. Laurae retired after being a clinic nurse in a family practice clinic. She says she loves having more time for her music. In 2006 she played the harp in a trio on the CD "Celtic Circle"

Frank Goeson, C'63, lives in Colorado Springs from May to November and Everglades, Florida from December to April. He is single and a full time RV'er. In 1998 Frank sold his company "Goeson Transportation" but is still driving a big rig on a part time basis. He says he loves it! He remembers the floods and how they showed how everyone could come together.

Dennis Olson, C'65, lives in Woodbury, MN with his wife Dianne. Dennis retired June 1, 2007 from 3M Company in St. Paul after 38 years. He was a Title Project Engineering Manager. Dianne is a

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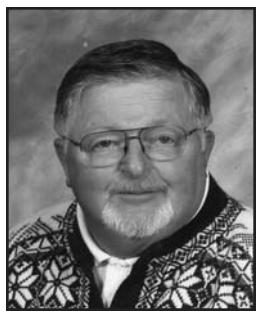
Gordon Opstad Establishes Scholarship With the Foundation



Gordon Opstad was born and raised in Minot, ND. He graduated from Minot Model High School in 1962 and Minot State College in 1966. After his graduation in 1966 he began teaching in Larimore, ND where he taught for two years.

In the fall of 1968 he began his successful 30 year career in the Grand Forks Public Schools. From 1968 to 1976 Gordon taught 4th, 5th and 6th grade at both Carl Ben Eielson (GFAFB) and Lewis and Clark Elementary Schools. While working on his Master's in Educational Administration, Gordon was hired as Associate Principal at Valley Jr. High. Upon the completion of his Master's degree in 1977, he went on to become Associate Principal at Central, Principal at South Jr. High and eventually back to Central as Principal where he stayed until he retired in 1998. During his tenure at Central, Gordon initiated a number of changes and started many new programs and projects, most of which are still being used today. Gordon was a student and teacher advocate. Gordon took extra pride in the overall appearance of the school, partly because he was involved with two major construction projects. The first time was the entire remodel of Central and the construction of the gymnasium addition. Gordon says that having school every day surrounded by jackhammers, no heat, heavy dust, asbestos removal, etc., was not easy. The flood of 1997 brought $13,000,000 worth of damage to the school and Gordon once again found himself among jackhammers and dust.

He was also particular about the presentation of the school because he wanted the community, many of whom are CHS alum, to be proud of the school.

Gordon is enjoying retirement. He loves his time on the farm where he is still involved in some farm work. Much of his time is spent hunting, fishing, golfing and traveling. He cherishes the time he spends with his children, Trina, R'89, Tricia, R'91, and Casey, R'95, and his three grandchildren.

Gordon has been a regular contributor to the Foundation for many years. The Gordon "Red" Scholarship is being given for the first time on the 10th year of Gordon's retirement from Grand Forks Central. The scholarship is to be given to a senior at Grand Forks Central senior who was also a student of either South Middle School or Valley Middle School and has a GPA between 2.75 and 3.5.

$19,662 Awarded to teachers for Classroom projects

The Foundation for Education has awarded $19,662 this Spring, to help fund a variety of enrichment projects in the Grand Forks Public Schools for the upcoming year. This includes one Mini-Grant that is being funded by **CF Industries**, for the 4th graders to attend 2 festivals that explore agriculture, the environment, and water quality. In addition to $12,162 for 12 Mini-Grant projects, the Foundation is awarding $7,500 to fund an Impact Grant project. The Foundation's Impact Grants are made possible by the Bill and Shirley Brown Endowment for Education. The Mini-Grants have been funded through the Foundation for Education since 1992.

This spring's twelve Foundation Mini-Grants are awarded to:

$806 to Leslie Bjelde and Lake Agassiz Elementary, for Building Phonological Awareness Skills through Literacy Centers.

$275 to Crystal Jackson and CHS, for Lunch Seminars.

$1075 to Scott Berge, Mike Bisenius, Joe Myszkowski, Rob Owens, Laurie Crummy and Bobbi Zahjradka and RRHS, for a Bison Hide.

$1,216 to Nancy Greenwood and CHS, for The Great Frame Up.

$750 to Nadine Carriere and West Elementary, for Health Manipulatives.

$500 to Terry Swenson and ArtWise, for Artist in the Classroom.

$800 to Joan Huus and Viking Elementary, for Hundreds of Books in Hand.

$2400 to Sara Streeter and Ben Franklin Elementary, for "Just Right" Learning Materials.

$600 to Barb Rood and Phoenix Elementary, for Kindergarten Literacy Centers.

$2500 to Scott Johnson and all Elementary Schools, for 4th grade field trips.

$620 to Mike Bisenius and Don Croeker and RRHS, for Using modern geography through technology.

$620 to Kristie Sullivan and CHS & RRHS, for an InFocus projector.

7,500 to Judith Konerza and Mary Lien and all Kindergarten Classes, for the Kindergarten Connection project.

For information regarding the Foundation for Education or to make a contribution Contact:

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Alumni News, continued

1970s

Speech Therapist at South Washington County Schools in Cottage Grove, MN. They have two grown daughters.

Rod Krause, R'77, and **Judy SCHULTZ Krause,** R'78, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with their kids Jeremy and Melissa on vacation in Colorado. Judy is a paraprofessional for the Minot High Schools working in Special Education. She is also involved with the Institute of Dance and Ballet in Minot. Rod retired from the USAF in 2003 and is the Deputy Chief of Safety for the USAF 5th Bomb Wing at the Minot AFB and also works for the Air Force Air Combat Command Environmental Compliance Inspection Team. Rod recently completed his 2nd MS degree in Leadership from Central Michigan University, and has been accepted into the Coctoate Program at North Central University. They reside in Minot, and enjoy the great outdoors as much as possible.

Playford Thorson, C'70, lives in Kenosha, WI with his wife Kathryn. They celebrated 25 years of marriage in June, 2007. Together they have 2 children, Kate and Andy.

Rita WALL Pfeiffer, R'72, e-mailed her address: 12598 Hastings St. NE, Blaine, MN 55449.

Gloria Rhoads, R'70, lives in Grand Forks. Recently, she, her three siblings, spouses and families took the Inside Passage Cruise to Alaska. In February, 2006 her son **Dan**, R'94, and daughter in law, **Sheila PRESNELL,** C'98, had a son, Dylan Patrick. Gloria retired in November, 2006 from early childhood education at the Little Scholarship Montessori School due to health reasons.

Michael Johnson, C'78, emailed his address: 3 Winterbottom Dr., West Chazy, NY, 12992. He is married to **Darcy DEMERY**, C'78.

Patty LERUD Soldner, C'79, lives in Marion IA, and works as an Occupational Therapist in

the public schools in Cedar Rapids and Marion, IA. She and her husband Dave, have four children, Sarah, Mary, Rachel and James. She says she recently cried joyful tears watching their daughter, Mary get married. They traveled to Granada, Spain to visit their daughter Sarah. She loved growing up in Grand Forks but says there was to much snow in the winter. She remembers great summers of riding her bike around town. Patty says that high school went by to fast, but she loved medical biology and chose a health profession because of it.

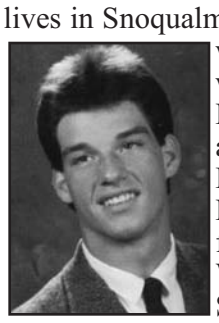
1980s

Jackie Gausvik, R'87, e-mailed to say that she now lives in Columbia Heights, MN.

Douglas Curtis, C'88, is married to **Denise HANSEN**, R'88, together they live in Texas.

Ray Purpur, R'83, lives in Stanford, CA and is chairman of the San Jose Arena/H.P. Pavilion board of Directors, Home of the San Jose Sharks. He is also the Deputy Athletic Director at Stanford University. He has been at Stanford since 1994. Ray and his wife, Terrie have two children, Alicia and Ryan. Ray says his experience working in the athletic training room with Max Laird got him interested in the behind the scenes in athletics and sports.

David Grubb, C'88, lives in Snoqualmie, WA,



where he works for Microsoft as a Group Readiness Manager for World Wide Support Operations. He recently submitted Mount Rainier, 14,400 ft. David is currently single and has family in Grand Forks, Minneapolis and Wisconsin.

Jennifer COLLINS Toso, C'88, lives in Brooks MN. Jennifer is divorced and has two boys. They live on a farm east of Crookston. She has many animals and says that anyone who knows me may have guessed that. She has great memories of crusin' "Wash" with DeDe and Becky!

Jackie BOUCHER Middleton, C'87, lives in Grand Forks where she works as a secretary at Grand Forks Central.

Terry Whitebird, C'89 lives in Rankin, Il, with his wife **Susan BROWN**, C'91. Terry is disabled due to a spinal disease called degenerative disc disease. He and Susan celebrate their 13th anniversary in February 2008.

Michelle LAMOTTE Bry, C'86, and her husband **Doug Bry**, R'82, live in Fairfield Bay, AR. After 19 years of marriage, Michelle and Doug were blessed with the birth of their first child, a girl, named Miranda Lynn Bry (born May 24, 2007). They moved from FL(where they lived since after the flood of '97) to Arkansas. They are both real estate agents and plan on working in real estate development and sales in both FL and AR. They would love to hear from former classmates. Feel free to e-mail them at info@theBrys.com.

Mary Jane HERBECK Dwyer,

C'86, moved to California for a year and a half and then moved back to Minneapolis in September of 2006. Mary Jane has three kids, Lauren, Zack and Katie. She works preparing tax returns during tax season.

Alexandra SCHAEFER Karvala, C'86, and her husband, Eric have two children and live in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. Alexandra runs a decorative painting company called Artwalls. She remembers playing in the snow when

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Louis D. Bogan, C'41 of Grand Forks passed away at home surrounded by his family on March 7, 2008. Louis loved all sports and was an exceptional basketball player and played on the Central State Championship Team. In 1939 he joined the Army National Guard and upon graduation from high school he began his active military service. Louis returned to Grand Forks to further his education at the University of North Dakota. There he met his wife, Helen. Upon graduating from UND he began his coaching career at UND in football, basketball and teaching. In 1951 he became the head basketball coach at UND. Louis was the head coach for eleven years and won two conference titles. He is a Sioux Award Honoree as well. In 1983 he retired from UND. He is survived by his wife, seven children, twenty two grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

David Sande, C'47 of Grand Forks, died Monday, March 3, 2008. David enjoyed growing up in Grand Forks, spending time in the summers at Grace Lake. In 1955 he graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in History. He served in the US Army from 1951 - 1952. David married Deloris Jean Bolton on June 14, 1958. David worked a variety of jobs during his lifetime including Grand Forks Marble and Granite, Greyhound bus Depot (as owner/manager) and True Value Hardware. In 1980 David retired due to an illness that left him changed, but continued to enjoy his life and family. David is survived by his wife, his two children and five grandchildren.

Donald Shogren, C'57 of New Hope, ND passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 27, 2008. He is survived by three children and eight grandchildren.

Cammie Johnson, R'05 of Grand Forks died Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at home due to complication of diabetes. Cammie was a nursing student at Northwest Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Cammie enjoyed being a camp counselor and working at Valley Eldercare and 4000 Valley Square. She is survived by her mother and father, grandparents and brothers.

Andrea J. Kasper, R'03 of Grand Forks died January 19, 2008 in Rochester MN. Andrea attended NDSU in Fargo, ND and UND in Grand Forks. She was currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Horry - Georgetown Tech in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Andrea was fond of animals, especially her adopted dog, Eva. Andrea enjoyed swimming and her annual travel adventures. She will be remembered for her kind and loving spirit, generosity in all things and her infectious laughter. Andrea is survived by her parents, brother and grandparents.

Brian Mack, R'90 of Grand Forks died on Sunday, January 13, 2008. After high school, Brian attended school in Arizona and then came back to Grand Forks to start his own business "Mack Trucking and Excavating". Brian was married to Nonda Osowski on August 6, 1994. He is survived by his wife, his two sons, parents, siblings and grandparents.

Gladys DALBEY Steiner, C'47 passed away on November 15, 2007. She was 95 years old.

Elaine ANDERSON Vail, C'49 died Monday, March 3rd, 2008 in Lancaster, CA. Elaine had suffered for many years from post-polio syndrome. She had polio when she attended South Junior High School in Grand Forks. While polio held her back for a while, she continued on at Central with a great love of music which kept her busy singing with the chorus under Dwight Sherwood and playing piano for various groups. She also sang and played piano at the United Lutheran Church. Elaine loved entertaining and later in life toured with an Elks Club band as a singer. Elaine was born in Hatton, ND in 1931 to Ralph and Esther Anderson. Elaine married her first husband, **Bill Henderson, C'48** at an early age. Their children were Carol, Steve and Bob. She married Herm Hooper in 1961 and had daughter, Dianne. In 1986 she married the love of her life, Ken Vail.
Elaine spent most of her life as a homemaker always loving to entertain family and friends. she also worked in campus security at Palmdale High School in CA and retired from High Desert Medical Group as a medical records clerk. Elaine is survived by her sister, **Audrey, C'56**, husband Ken and her children and grandchildren.

Glenn Gordon, C'44 passed away December 9, 2007 in Eugene, OR where he had made his home since 1997. He was born in Hatton, ND. He served in the US Navy and attended UND. Glenn married **Roberta MAHON, C'47** in 1951. He worked for Red River Cement-Masonry supply for thirty-three years. He is survived by his wife Roberta, Eugene, OR, daughters Janet Daucsavage, C'70, Gail Washburn C'71, Barbara Mack, C'81, grandchildren, great- grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers.

John V. Haxo, who was born and educated in Grand Forks including Central High School through his junior year in 1941, died in Warren Conn. March 19, 2007 at the age of 82. He was a sergeant in the United States Army, serving in the ETO during WWII. He later returned to Grand Forks, where he attended UND then Stanford University and received his MD degree from Yale University Medical School in 1951.

He practiced general surgery in New Milford, Conn. for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Elizabeth, three children, many grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as by brothers Henry and Francis, now living in Moraga and La Jolla, California respectively and by sisters Mary Mansell of National City, California and Ruth Schmoll of Houston, Texas, all former Grand Forks residents.

Roger W. Kuntz, C'47 passed away December 28, 2007 in North Bend, Oregon where he lived for forty plus years. He worked as a machine operator for the Weyhauser Timber Co. long enough to receive a pension and retired at age fifty five. Roger acquired a GED in 1949 while in the armed services. Before his enlistment in Armed Services, he attended Grand Forks Central High School. He was discharged in 1963 but remained a military enthusiast to the very end and his ashes went to Eagle Point Military Cemetery in

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she was very young and playing at Riverside park and pool. Alexandra says she had really great friends and still keeps in touch with some of them.

Todd Moody, C'86, lives in Huntsville, AL. He has a son, Cole who was born March 6, 2006. Todd works as a Corporate Risk Manager for Three Springs, Inc. He has great memories of Riverside park with his friends and remembers how "cool" Mr. Malm in Econ. was to let him sleep so long as he got A's.

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Tedd Gerszewski, C'93, was married in July 2007 to Stacy Jones from Clear Lake, Texas. I have a 1 1/2 year old son Gage and 9 year old step-daughter Madison. Jedd is a deputy with the Los Angel County Sheriffs Department.

Srdjan Jovicic, R'97, recently completed a masters degree in architecture. Srdjan works for Ellerbe Becket International as an Architectural Designer and is working on projects in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Songdo, South Korea.

Rebekah LAFFERTY Gerber C'97 is married and lives in Norfolk, VA.

Nicole EICHHORST Jackson, C'98, emailed she is married and lives in Las Vegas, NV.

Amanda SILVERMAN Kosior, C'98, and husband Kyle were married in August in Grand Forks. She works as director of marketing for JLG Architects. Kyle is completing law school at UND. He works as a researcher for Central Legal Research of North Dakota, and clerks for Raymond J. German Legal and Title, Ltd. Amanda is the daughter of **Steve Silverman**, C'70, and Robin Silverman.

Red River alum **Christopher Moen**, R'98, and **Marilee SCHOTT Moen**, C'00, were married in August, and live in Grand Forks.

They both earned UND degrees in business administration, entrepreneurship, and marketing. Christopher is pursuing a sports nutrition business venture, and Marilee works for Goldmark Property Management.

Jacy JASMER Rock, C'98, and husband Garret live in Golden, CO. She works as an attorney with Faegre and Benson, LLP. in Denver. Garet owns and operates Louisville Chiropractic Clinic in Louisville, CO.

Maria Tekle-Wolde, C'98, emailed that she has moved to Orlando, FL from Moorhead, MN.

R98 alum **Kara RODACKER Weier** and husband Michael were married in October in Omaha, NE. She works as a sales rep for Advanced Data Processing, and Michael works for Prentice Hall.

Kelly MOORE Cofer, C'99, and husband Brian were married in October, 2007. She works as a registered nurse at Altru Hospital and Brian is a law enforcement officer with the Grand Forks Police Department.

Laura Dvorak, C'99, founded the Minnesota Dance Ensemble non-profit company in 2003, where she is director. She was a member of Central's Censations dance team, Dance Etc!, North Dakota Ballet Co., and Centerstage Performing

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To honor and to remember. . .

Contributions* to the Grand Forks Foundation for Education have been given in memory or in honor of the following former students or educators:

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If you'd like notification of your gift sent to the family of a memorialized individual, or to an honored individual, include complete contact information. Send memorials to Grand Forks Foundation for Education, PO Box 5475, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5475

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Oregon, near Roseburg, OR. He is survived by brother Ronald Kuntz, C'51 and sister, Shirley Kuntz Jewet, C'46.

Adelaide HEFFERN Sander, C'56 died Monday, February 4, 2008 at home with her family by her side. Adelaide "Abby" married Vernon C. Sander on January 17, 1959 in St. Michael's Catholic Church. Abby worked for C&R Laundry, Black's Bakery, Valley Memorial Home and Altru Hospital. Vernon preceded her in death on August 26, 2004. She is survived by her daughters, a son and grandchildren.

Audrey SIMONS Brett, C'54 passed away on December 29, 2007 at her residence. She was born in Fessenden, ND and moved to Ocala from Minneapolis in 2001. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. Survivors include her daughter, son, sisters, grandchildren and step- grandchildren.

Harvey John Rolf Hadland died on February 14, 2008 while holding his daughter's hand. After high school, Harvey was drafted and proudly served his country from 1943-1946 during WWII in Italy. He returned to Grand Forks and attended Aaker's Business College. Gene Goodman, Bud Stowe and Harvey established Northern Plumbing Supply where he worked as manager until his retirement. He considered all of Northern Plumbing as his second family. On October 30, 1948 Harvey married Rita Clingman. Harvey is survived by his wife, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ronald W. Young, C'49 of St. Paul passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 7, 2008. He was preceded in death by parents and two sisters. He is survived by loving wife of 55 years, Marilyn; children, Scott and Stacy, and grandchildren.

Lovina LARSEN Rowley, C'40 a long time resident and librarian in El Paso, Texas, passed away on January 14th at her home on Regal Lane. Lovina earned a degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She was subsequently hired by the Department of Defense to open and manage libraries at military installations worldwide. She spent several years doing just that at various locations throughout the united States and in Asia where she oversaw the US Armed Forces' library system in the entire country of south Korea.

Returning to the United States in the mid 1950's for an assignment in Alaska, she met and married Tony Rowley, a chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Army, originally from Oklahoma.

During the earlier years of her career, Lovina maintained ties with the Grand Forks Public Library and worked there from time to time in between her DOD assignments while at home visiting her family. Throughout her life she also maintained ties with families and friends in the eastern part of North Dakota where she owned land and had farming interests.

While living in El Paso, Lovina and her family enjoyed spending time on a small farm they owned in New Mexico near Cloudcroft where they had fruit trees, a garden and could hike and enjoy the countryside. She and her son, a computer scientist, college professor and government advisor, were avid readers and collected both paperback and hard cover editions of their favorite English and American writers.

Tragically, Lovina was preceded in death by her husband, Tony and her son, Robert. Her survivors include her bother, aunts, cousins and a niece and nephew.

John E. Novick Jr., C'87 died unexpectedly on Monday, January 28, 2008. John worked in Real Estate and as a golf instructor with Gopher Hills Golf course in Miesville, MN. He is survived by his wife, Varuni, parents and sister.

Marilue Johnson died Saturday, March 22, 2008 at her daughter's home near Kensal, ND. After high school Marilue went on to pursue an Art Degree from the Walker Art School in Minneapolis, MN. Her broad spectrum of accomplishments included teaching art, creating murals, paintings and sculptures, illustrating and authoring over 30 children's books, and function as Art Director of UniVac Educational Division, Minneapolis. Marilue married Harold Johnson in 1959 and they made their home in St. Cloud, MN. Marilue is survived by two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

If you would like to notify the Alumni Network of the passing of an alum or friend of the Grand Forks Public Schools or to send a memorial.

Please send obituary or donation to the GFPS Alumni Network, PO Box 5475, Grand Forks, ND 58206 or email gfalumni@gfschools.org

My Interesting Life

by: Glenn O. Offerdahl C'46

Glenn and Enid Offerdahl

I graduated in 1946. Since then I have led a very interesting life. When I got out of the Army I worked as a brakeman for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1953 I joined the United States Air Force. I was stationed in California. It was then that I realized that my life was lacking something so I sent to East Grand Forks for Enid Olson. She came to California and we were married on December 12, 1954.

While we were in California we had two children, Linda and Karen. In 1959 I was sent to Bitburg, Germany for three years. Enid and the girls joined me shortly there after. While in Germany we fostered a young East Berlin girl named Angelica. From Germany we went to McConnell AFB in Kansas. We spent two years in Kansas and then I was sent to Thailand for one year. The family moved back to North Dakota to be with relatives while I was in Thailand. When I returned from Thailand we were stationed back in Kansas. We spent an additional two years in Kansas and then we were transferred to Florida. We spent almost four years in Homestead, FL and then we were transferred to Ramstein, Germany. We spent three years in Germany and in 1976 we were sent to MacDill AFB Florida.

In 1978 I retired with 26 years of Service in the Air Force as Chief Master Sergeant. After I retired from the Air Force I worked with the Clearwater Police Department for 9 years and then I decided to retire for good.

We now have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We are happy with our retirement lifestyle in Florida and pray the entire class of 1946 is too.

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Academy while growing up in Grand Forks. She earned a St. Cloud State University bachelor's degree in mass communications, and has a minor in dance. Laura has also studied dance in New York and Chicago. She lives in Grand Forks.

Dustin Kouba, R'99, and wife Katie were married in July in Graceville, MN. He has a Master's degree in Forensic Science and will attend law school at UND in the fall. Katie works for UND and is pursing a Master's degree in Social Work.

Patricia Stinnett, R'95, is a landscape architect in Duluth, MN. She got married in August of 2007.

Jason Lessard, R'99, and wife Rebecca live in Fargo, ND. He works for Summit, Inc. Software Company. Rebecca works in the Meritcare Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Michael Salwey, R'99, and wife Brittany live in Grand Forks. He currently manages Taco Bell, and Brittany is employed by Ritz Camera.

Jason Moon, R'92, got married September, 2007. He works at the Best Buy headquarters in Minneapolis.

Diana PAPINEAU Verville, C'95, has been married for seven years and has one son named Logan who is eighteen months old. Diana is a Senior Financial Analyst and Cummins Power Generation in Minneapolis. She has great memories of UND hockey and tubing at Red Lake Falls. After putting off their honeymoon for seven years she and her husband went to the Grand Cayman last January.

Kristi BOWLES Roe, R'91, emailed that she is married and lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Adam Olson, C'94 and **Leigh LUDTKE Olson,** C'94, had their first son Drew Edward in October 2006.

Jennifer Hastings, R'93, lives in Westlake, Ohio and is a partner at The Gallup Organization.

2000s

Krisanne KVERNEN Emch, R'01, was married on June 3, 2006 in Grand Forks to Paul Emch, a Western North Dakota native and am currently in her first year of teaching Spanish at Moorhead High School.

' *Til We Meet Again*. . . reunions and gatherings

60th Reunion- CHS Class of 1948
Anyone interested in attending the 60th reunion is to Contact **Larry Arason** at 12772 Charmaine Ln. Santa Ana, CA 92705 or Phone: 714.633.9829 or **Shirley Emerson** Email: shirlderb2@aol.com

50th Reunion- CHS Class of 1958
Sept 19-21st, 2008. Reunion website: www.paulbunyan.net/fair/class58 or Contact Judy Rae ROSSOW Smith Phone: 218.751.1881 Email: fhjudyrae@aol.com

50th Reunion- St. James Class of 1958
Sept 19-20, 2008 Contact: Kay Homstad Phone: 701.772.0414

40th Reunion- St. James Class of 1968
July 18 & 19, 2008. Friday night social starts at 6:30pm at Eagle's Crest Grill. Saturday golf outing. Lunch time visit at the Kegs. Tours of Ralph Engelstad and other refurbished sights. Saturday evening starts with a social at 6:30pm at EGF Eagles followed by dinner and dancing with music provided by Fabulous Cornerstones. Contact: **Marilyn KAREL Fuher** Email: marilynfuher@mac.com

40th Reunion- CHS Class of 1968
Still looking for reunion coordinators

30th Reunion- CHS Class of 1978
July 18 & 19, 2008. Joint reunion with Red River
Contact: **Jody Mishler**
Reunion Website: gfc_1978@yahoo.com

30th Reunion- RRHS Class of 1978
July 18-19, 2008.
Friday Social starts at 7pm at the Grand Forks Country Club followed by bonfire at dusk ('til dawn?)
Saturday starts at 10am with a traditional Riders- Skins golf outing at King's Walk. Non-golfers will hold a Riders-Skins Walk-a-Thon that will take you through historic downtown GF and down the Red River Greenway.
Saturday evening will start at 6pm at the Alerus Center with cocktails, dinner, and dancing.

20th Reunion- CHS Class of 1988
Reunion kicks off at Whitey's 08-08-08.
Website: www.gfcentral1988.com
Contact: **Kathy GILLES Barker** Email: kathykbarker@yahoo.com
Darin Barker Email: darinbarker@yahoo.com or
Victor Ames Email: victor.ames@parsons.com

20th Reunion- RRHS Class of 1988
August 8-10, 2008
Contact: **Kristin BAER Kartch** Email: kristin@lmsd.net or **Kara FOSSE Lian** Email: klian@alerusmail.com

10th Reunion- CHS Class of 1998
August 1st-2nd, 2008.
Reunion Website: www.central98reunion.com
Contact: **Kelly FORD Wilber** Email: kelly.wilber@gfschools.org or **Casey Hutton** Email: CHutton@jlgarchitects.com or **Amanda SILVERMAN Kosior** Email: AKosior@jlgarchitects.com

10th Reunion- RRHS Class of 1998
July 25-27, 2008
Reunion Website: www.redriver98.com or MySpact Account: www.myspace/redriver98.com
Contact: **Tera SWARTZ Vanyo** and **JoAnn FIETZEK Husman** Email: redriver98@hotmail.com

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

Red River and Central yearbooks for sale (select years). Contact Central's office at 701.746.2375 or Red River Yearbook Advisor Laura Brudvik, 701.746.2407 ext. 315.

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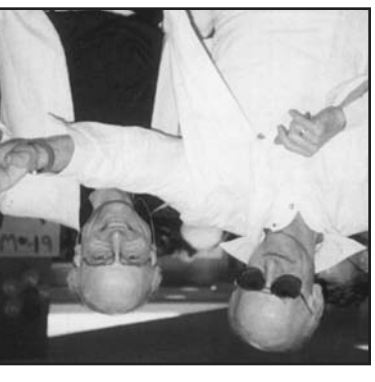

Left: Those swinging Bethke Brothers!

Bottom: Classmates of 1929 enjoy the outdoors.