



SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION

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Alumni Welcome to Super Sport Day

(Homecoming)

Saturday,

September 13, 2003

Football game against a
non-conference team



Homecoming week September 8-12

Focus on successes

by Linda Nelson, Ph. D., Principal

Here is what South High staff and students have accomplished this past year.

Eleven South High students qualified as National Merit Finalists, four were named commended scholars. The Mock Trial Team won the Minnesota State Bar Association's competition for the second year in a row and went on to the nationals.

Eighty-six percent of tenth grade students passed the MN Basic Skills Writing Test. Each year, more students receive passing scores on other basic skills tests. One hundred and thirty students will take advanced placement tests in calculus and history.

Students at South study Chinese,
Successes *continued on page*

A teenager no more: South High Foundation reaches 20 years 1983-2003

by John Trulen '41

An idea to help 9th graders stay in school after reaching age 16 was fostered by a retiring assistant principal and then current school principal. The idea—an alumni association going way back when—to see if previous graduates would come to the assistance of students entering high school for the first time.

The group of people, having old and new connections to South, gathered together to see if this idea had any merit. Enthusiasm prevailed and a collection of names of alumni was developed and the first letter was sent out. The response was good; the list of names broadened and the South High Alumni Foundation became a reality.

A large obstacle was yet to be mounted. To be accepted within the school and establish a grounding place. The school officials were not too pleased with the idea but we were allowed to 'set-up-shop' and begin our idea to help 9th graders stay in school 'til they were promoted to 10th grade. If they got through year one, it was likely they'd stay to graduate.

A great deal of determination on the part of a few helped to push things along and as more alumni heard of our idea, the more enthusiastic they became.

Now it's 20 years and we're doing much more than we ever thought we could do back in 1983.

Fantastic breakfast turnout

by Warren Schluck '52

Fantastic, tremendous, super, outstanding are just some of the adjectives describing the 2003 pancake breakfast held this year on April 27. I was just kidding when I made the suggestion to my wife, Marlys, that we would have to close the doors as I didn't know where to put all the people. What a turnout! South High spirit really brings people together.

This year's breakfast took in \$8,635.05, the largest amount we

have ever made. Expenses came to \$1,390.24 leaving a profit of \$7,244.81.

We were fortunate to have so many prizes and food items donated this year, which helped to increase profits. Jane Koons, Foundation member, donated another beautiful patio set for the grand prize. Terry Hall '63 donated 5 cases of orange juice and 1000 sausages. Kenny

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Thank you...

We want to express our many thanks for the beautiful patio set we won at the pancake breakfast in April. What a fantastic surprise. We were able to pick it up by truck right away and it fits perfectly on our patio.

Frances Kielas Curtis '53

On behalf of the senior class of 2003, we, the members of the graduation party committee, want to thank you for the generous donation. We feel confident that we will be able to plan an unforgettable night for the students and your generosity certainly helps us to afford to do that!

Graduation Party Committee

Thank you so much for the generous funding for EEE Biology dissection materials. It enabled our students to have a valuable hands on experience that otherwise would not have been possible.

Richard Leibbroud, Teacher

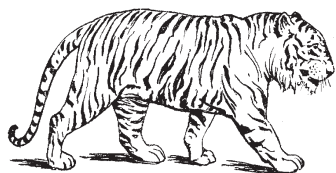
A big thank you for the trip to the Eternal Egypt exhibit.

Life Skills Students

The South High Parent Communication Network would like to thank you very much for your gift to hold a post-secondary education fair in April. This program was well attended by 200 parents and students. Supreme Court Justice, Alan Page gave an inspiring speech. It was a positive way to connect students to resources in the community.

Anne Hibbard, Chair

Thank you very much for supporting our first entrant to the National Shakespeare Foundation.



Wall of Honor inducts first twenty-four

by Warren Schluck '52

South High School's "Wall of Honor" inducted the first twenty-four members at the spring alumni luncheon last April. Each member was presented with a plaque to recognize his or her educational and career achievements, along with contributions to the community. The "Wall of Honor" represents people from all walks of life.

The plaques will be installed on the wall that surrounds the auditorium at South High School. A brief history of each member is recorded in a book located in the media center for students, staff and alumni to share.

Suggestions for future candidates for the "Wall of Honor" can be sent to the South High Foundation at 3131 19th Avenue S. Minneapolis, MN 55407. Or contact Warren Schluck at 763-689-9418.

April 2003 Members:

Laurie Balzer '48 – Athletics

Donald Benson '48 – Businessman

Cliff Brunzell '39 – Music

Gene Campbell '50 – Athletics

Dr. Charles Carlson '44 – Medicine

George Dahl '42 – Teacher/admin.

LeRoy Hardeman '44 – Athletics

Randy Johnson '64 – Politics

Judy Westby Jungwirth '61 – Athletics

Robert Kommerstad '44 – Businessman

(deceased)

Eric Magdanz '59 – Athletics

Judge Eugene Minnenko '39 – Judge

(deceased)

Bill McMoore '44 – Athletics

Glen Pullens '45 – Athletics

Robert Stein '56 – Lawyer

Don Swanson '49 – Teacher/coach

Winston Wallin '43 – Businessman

Richard Westby '52 – Community activist

Kathy Wurzer '80 – TV/radio personality

Les Barnard 1928-1958 – Teacher/football coach

Gerry Cady 1977-1983 – Asst. principal

Craig Canham 1982-1998 – Teacher/cross-country coach

Warren Kaari 1967-1999 – Teacher/cross-country coach

Cathy Peterson 1984-1999 – Teacher/coach/athletic director

South High families host exchange students from France

South High School hosted 22 French students last April as part of a cultural exchange program. Due to the differences in each country's stance on the war in Iraq, many exchanges had been cancelled. Teacher chaperone, Nadege Bournas, said that the students were a bit nervous and worried, but friendly letters and phone calls from South High students and families reassured them.

Getting past cultural stereotypes is a goal of the cultural and language immersion program, Bournas and South High French teacher, Dee Spilleth said. The French students were paired with their peers at South

High. They lived together, attended school, visited friends and checked out the local sights. French students had to adjust to the fast pace during passing time between classes. In France, the teachers move from class to class while the students stay put. They also have a leisurely 1 to 2 hour lunch break, sitting down to a table with real dishes, silverware and glasses.

The French students felt that the American students have much more freedom, because of their jobs and cars. In France you must be 18 to drive a vehicle alone and the main job of teenagers is to attend school.

8th annual tournament at Burl Oaks

The tournament at Burl Oaks Golf Club on June 23 this year was a very large success, based on the many comment received that day and since. The committee is excited and looking forward to next year. We raised over \$8,500 for the Foundation. The club is enlarging the dining room, so we will be able to accommodate 20 to 30 more for dinner. So, all you golfers out there, reserve June 22, 2004 for the 9th Annual Tournament!



Winners:

1st Place—*Fran Gernandt, John Mahal, Darryll Stohl, Don Westling*
 2nd Place—*Steve Smith, Mike Svendahl, David Svendahl, Gary Svendahl*
 3rd Place—*Dave Engelstad, Keith Olstad, Mike Troutman, Tony Williams*
 4th Place—*Glen Corbett, Terry Nelson, Erick Nelson, Mark Sanders*

Men (under 62) Long Drive—Erick Nelson
Women Long Drive—Jennifer Meyer
Women Closest to Pin—Kate Cady
Women Long Putt—Jennifer Meyer

Men (over 62) Long Drive—JohnFritz
Men Closest to Pin—Woody Erickson
Men Long Putt—Denny Nida
Monster Putt—Pat Weber

Gold Hole Sponsor—*South High School, Mark Sanders*

Silver Hole Sponsors—

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OMNI TEC Inc. — Ray Krieg

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Hennepin Lake Liquor -- Phil Colich
Hexagon Bar — Bob Hupp
June Bloom
Robert W. Olson
Roger Williams

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5 French, German, Latin, Ojibwe and Spanish. This year we added College in the Schools (for college credit) in French and German, in addition to those we already offer in the English department.

We continue to work to develop our small learning community programs and are making great progress toward providing a more personalized and rigorous education for all students. Many staff members dedicate countless hours to this task.

Alicia Maye, a tenth grade student, is one of the four national finalists in "The Most Philosophical Student in America" contest. South was named the second "most philosophical school" in the nation.

South High collaborated with the Guthrie Theatre, Mpls. Institute of

We would like to especially thank Gary Mueller of Warner Mfg. and Loyd Schanke of Future Brands for providing the rugged flashlight and golf cap for every golfer. And also a big thanks to Mark Sanders and South High School for being a Gold Hole Sponsor.

If you would like registration material for next year, contact Jim Bloom '45 at 952-941-3778.



Pictured above: Pat Weber receiving her prize from Jim Bloom for winning the "Monster Putt" contest.

Breakfast continued from page 1

Anderson, of Pillsbury, contributed 4 cases of pancake mix. Randy Mann, parent of a South High baseball player, donated more pancake mix and gallons of syrup. Coffee was donated by both Millstone and Caribou Coffee. Bob Broman '53 arranged for all the paper goods through the Falk Paper Company. And Bruce Thomson, parent of two recent South High grads, donated the printing of tickets and flyers.

A big thank you to all of you who attended, volunteered, or contributed prizes. Thanks also to the students, staff, music and art departments for their special contributions.

Hope to see you all next year on April 25, 2003!

YEARBOOKS NEEDED

The Foundation is looking for some yearbooks for the following years. If you can help us, please call 612-668-4344 or 763-689-9418
Needed: 1942, 1949, 1952, 1958, 1970, 1976 and 1988

Reunions

Class of June 1948 – 55th Reunion September 12, 2003 at the Town and Country Golf Club. Social hour: 11:30, luncheon: 12:30. Contact: Joyce Johnson 952-881-0128.

Class of 1953 – 50th Reunion September 19 and 20, 2003 at the Airport Hilton Hotel. Contact: Al Quigley 952-831-2723.

Class of 1958 – September 21, 2003 at the Airport Marriott. Contact Carol Lobeck 612-869-9087.

**All notices for class reunions can be sent to the Foundation office at South High. Please note that newsletter deadlines are March 1st and August 1st of each year.*

Memorials

*Yvonne Peterson Brewitz '53
Eleanor Lange Brown '48
Jack M. Calder '41
Elizabeth Davies Former Staff
Roger & Susan Kitz Draxten '29
Lee Ferguson '52
F. Faith Finnberg '30
Lucile Mattson Gardner '35
Gordon (Jack) Griebenow '30
Richard Griebenow '36
Norman Hansen '42
Gary Iverson '70
Edward H. Johnson '27
Gloria Jubera '55
Donna Kopecek '53
Bruce Allen Larson '58
Ingmar Lee Friend
Verna Long Former School Nurse
Lorna Allenson Milbauer '47
Darrell Mulroy '63
Lowell Norrbom '42
Gordon Peterson '44
Barbara Bedard Saleck '50
Dean Shawbold Former Principal
Ben Silverstein '33
Darryl Skinner Friend
Barney E. Strand '62
Morris & Elvina Strand
Parents of 6 Graduates*

ALL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Date: October 8, 2003
Time: 11:00 a.m. Social Hour
Noon: Luncheon
Place: Knights of Columbus Hall
1114 West 79 Street
Bloomington
(free parking in the adjacent lot)

Our guest speaker will be class of 1954 alumnus, Elmer Koch. Koch served as an elementary school principal and also in administration for the public school system.

The luncheon menu features

sirloin with mushrooms and ice cream dessert.

Please contact your steering committee member or send your checks directly to Bill McMoore no later than **October 1**. Please indicate your graduation year and maiden name on your check for \$12.00 made payable to the

South High Foundation
and send to:
Bill McMoore
1617 Black Oaks Place
Plymouth, MN 55447

Centurion Contributions

*Don & Gloria Olson Anderson '55 & '58
Jennie Chovan Anderson '49
Bill & Barb Lodden Bayerl '53 & '57
John Bjorn '47
Walter Burry '35
Jane Wentzel Bussman '37
Richard Chadwick '51
Roger Dow '52
Arline Oslun Doyle '52
Edward & Marie Hoffer Flaherty '42
William Graham '90
Charles Gramling '68
Zee & Lee Gregerson Staff
Wayne Halstead '52
Meredith Koechele '45
Robert Kladjko '53
Tom Klein Parent
Bruce Lunning Parent*

*Patrick & Jo Iverson Malmsten '43 & '45
Jeffrey Mashek '62
Elaine Corose Nordness '60
Kathy Palmer Parent
Harvey Peterson '46
Stephen Quick Friend
Dr. Mark Rabinovitch Parent
Robert Ramerth '60
David & Barbara Raymond Parents
Gene & Betty La Hay Ronning '39
Gunnar Rovick '39
Irene Scott '43
Dean & Ellen Wick Shawbold '34
Olive Griebenow Speer '28
Mary Anderson Steward '51
John Strand '54
John Wigen '71
Muriel Anderson Wogstand '39*



Honorariums

*John Trulen's 80th Birthday
Zee Gregorson, South High Staff*

Special

*Donald Benson Class of 1948
William & Anne McLaughlin Drake Parents
Eric Holterman
Richard & Betty Julin '51
Phyllis Just '34
Christina Lopez '88*



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\$10 BUCKS FOR SOUTH

Wherever you live, you know that schools are strapped for funds. South High School is no exception. Staff, including teachers, clerical and maintenance, has been reduced. Needed textbook purchases have been postponed. The South High Foundation continues to help fund worthy programs and projects that otherwise would be curtailed.

We need your help.

We are sending this appeal for support to the entire alumni list of over 12,000 graduates. Think of the impact if everyone gave just \$10 bucks. (If you want to send more, that's OK too.)

So, while you are thinking of it, please write a check payable to the South High Foundation and mail it to the above address today.

Your tax deductible gift will be greatly appreciated and used for the benefit of all students. Thank you for your continued support.

Your South High Foundation

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Memorial plaques to be displayed at South High School

The South High Foundation will install memorial plaques to honor South High students who were killed in action or were declared missing in action during the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War. We need your help in obtaining the names of those people we wish to honor.

Please contact the Foundation at South High with any information. You may leave a message at 612-668-4344

Get jazzed about South High theater

The Friends of South High Theater present "All That Jazz," a cabaret benefit to support the highly acclaimed South High Theater Program. Following the great success of last year's event, the festive evening will showcase memorable melodies, delightful dance and a few other show-stopping surprises. The cabaret takes place on Monday, November 24 in the South High Auditorium. The gala starts with a spectacular dessert buffet

at 7 p.m.; the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students and seniors; \$50 for families; and \$100 for patrons.

"All That Jazz" features the talents of South High students, alumni, faculty, parents and community headliners. Plan to get together with other South alums to see one of the year's most engaging musical events and at the same time, contribute to the vitality of you alma mater's celebrated theater program. For tickets or more information, call the school office at 612-668-4300.

Please help update

Please notify the South High Foundation of any name or address changes, so we can update our data base. All information is confidential and only used for our mailings and class reunions.

Calls may be made at any time to 612-668-4344. Please be sure to spell any unusual names, addresses or cities.

2003 Wallin Scholarship Recipients

*Sahro Ahmed
Erin Anderson*

*Kidist Bitew
Fue Chang*

*Brian Dooley
Lara Goetsch*

Rosemary Grunhard

*Jeanine Hausman
Joshua Kimball*

*Stacy Lawrence
JoAnna Lindberg*

*Anders Mattson
Kirubel Mulatu*

Cole Naymark

*Brittany Olson
LaCresha Payne*

*Thuy Pham
Galen Poor*

*Daniel Risch-Boody
Ellen Root*

Avi Rosenman

*Tracy Sandberg
Vanessa San Jose*

*Asmeret Tesfahun
DuyenTruong*

*Cha Xiong
Mai Yang*