

SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION

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Teacher finishes on a high note "Legendary" music director is retiring after 31 years at South High School.

by Nancy Kelsey, Star Tribune Staff Writer

Dennis Malmberg shows his wind ensemble students how to dance during a performance. With a one-two step forward and a slow-waving hand, he dazzles the class.

Amid the applause and laughter, the trombone players give it a try between turns and decide to do it at their next performance.

Malmberg is the man behind the South High School music department, the laid back, white haired guy who conducts concerts on his own time and marches the band on to big-win competitions. He's the reason that South is a destination school for many of the

city's young musicians.

"He decided he was going to build a really good music program," said longtime school board member Judy Farmer. She was impressed from the start when he began recruiting students for the South program. "Denny built it stronger and involved a lot more kids."

Now, 31 years later, Malmberg is retiring. He thinks it's time to travel a bit. He has plans to eventually move to New Orleans. Its jazzy roots will keep him tied to his musical passion.

There are 92 other teachers retiring from Minneapolis Public Schools this year. Malmberg is one of the "legendary teachers" on the list, Farmer said. He is legendary in her eyes because of his dedication to students and his effect on the South music program.

Many students are going to miss their witty teacher.

Senior trombone player Stephanie Kobbé is among the thousands of students he has taught about "just being a good person and having fun with what you're doing."

Senior Alison Ritten has been his student for two years. "He's really intimidating at first, but he's just a big softie," the senior said. "He's taught a lot of kids. It's just too bad that more
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Dennis Malmberg ran the wind ensemble through one final rehearsal Friday before the school's final concert of the year.



Welcome
Alumni

Homecoming
South vs Southwest
September 24, 2004
Game time: 3:30

Remembering South, the Finnbergs

by Jane Koons, Foundation Member

Faith Finnberg reflected on her time at South recalling her first days in September of 1926: "I challenge you to find a wider-eyed, hungrier, more excited freshman than I. Here I was, in this holy place where my aunts had graduated with honors and I was ready for anything." Faith Finnberg was indeed ready for anything. She earned a Ph.D. in Romance Languages and became a full professor of English Literature and Composition at the University of Minnesota.

Her role models were her two aunts—Lillian Finnberg Johnson and Estelle Finnberg—both of whom were dedicated educators and parent figures who helped raise Faith after the death of her parents. Her Aunt Lillian, class of 1905, was an elementary teacher at the Motley Schools near the East Bank.
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2004 Wall of Honor members awarded

South High School's "Wall of Honor" inducted eight new members at the spring luncheon on April 7, 2004. The new inductees' plaques will be installed on the wall that surrounds the school auditorium next to the 2003 members. If you have the opportunity, stop by South to see the plaques. A brief history of each member is available in the media center for students, staff and alumni to view.

Nomination forms are available for any potential candidates by calling the South High Foundation at 612-668-4344 or Warren Schluck at 763-689-9418.

2004 Members:

Rick Alm '57 Athletics/Teacher/Coach

Jim Bloom '48 Athletics/Business/S.H. Fdtn.

John George '44 Athletics/Mpls. Fire Dept./Active in Community

Gene Flick '37 * Athletics/Business/Pillsbury House

Cully Dahlstrom '30 * Athletics/U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame

Marlys Schluck '53 Athletics/S. H. Fdtn.

Warren Schluck '52 South High Foundation

Rollie Ring '38 Athletics/Education/Principal
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Mixed Blood Theatre

Mug & Brush

Nokomis Shoe Shop

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Plymouth Playhouse

Poodle Club

Scandia Bakery

Science Museum

Soderberg Florist

Theatre de la Jeune Lune

Theatre in the Round

Breakfast draws a crowd of over 1,000

by Warren Schluck '52

This year's breakfast surpassed all expectations, as far as the number of people attending, food donations, raffle prizes, and volunteers, making it a great success. Over 1,000 people attended, including a large group from the class of 1964, who had their reunion the evening before. Each year the support grows and it is refreshing to see the increase and the good time everyone has at the breakfast.

The "Tiger Spirit Tent" sold sweatshirts, golf shirts, hats, denim shirts and stuffed Tigers. The Athletic Department displayed and sold some of the many trophies that have been in storage. The ceramic classes had pottery for sale and the Cross

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kids won't get to know him."

She and other South alumni can still work with him after his retirement, though. Malmberg will direct an alumni band in his free time. In its preliminary stages the band has already interested 50 people. It's his way of staying connected to the profession he loves, he said.

"It's not like I am going to disappear. I will be around," he said.

On Friday friends and fans of Malmberg gathered for a dedication concert at the school. Malmberg was sure the tears would flow—his own included: "It's gone by so fast. I love it here."

Fellow band director Scott Carter has heard firsthand the kind of music Malmberg has been able to get from his students. Carter student-taught for him and is now his right-hand man. He directs the concert band and jazz ensemble; Malmberg directs the wind ensemble, string orchestra, pop singers, beginner band and piano.

He challenges them and doesn't let them settle," Carter said. "He gives them music that will encourage them to work hard and strive for success."

Said Malmberg, "They always worked so hard for me."

Country Booster Club offered Tiger Bottled Water. The door prize list this year was outstanding (contributors are listed below left). The grand prize patio set donated by Foundation member, Jane Koons, once again drew an increase in raffle ticket sales.

Thanks to many donations the breakfast brought a profit of almost \$8,000 to South High School. Randy Mann of McGarvey Coffee furnished the syrup and pancake mix. Bob Broman, through C.J. Duffey and Falk Paper Co. donated the paper products. Terry Hall of Gopher Sales paid for the sausages and orange juice, and another alumnus sent a check to cover the cost of the janitor. So the initial cost of the pancake breakfast came to around \$1,000.

Remember to mark your calendars for the last Sunday in April, 2005. See you next year!

They also fooled around occasionally. His funniest memory is of the time he and the other band chaperones woke up in a New Orleans hotel room to find the door duct taped shut.

Of all his memories, there is one Malmberg holds closest to his heart.

About seven years ago, he underwent quintuple-bypass surgery. "Those kids sent me this huge card and flowers," he said. "There were six churches that these kids belong to that were praying for me."

He recovered because of their support and that of his wife, Joy, he said. He went back to teaching music only weeks later.

It's where he's always wanted to be. As a student at the University of Minnesota, Malmberg was introduced to the idea of teaching music. He's been hooked ever since.

"I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to teach at South High in music, and I am very, very proud to be a teacher. I can't think of a worthier profession," he said.

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A great day for a golf tournament

The tournament at Burl Oaks Golf Club on June 28 was a tremendous success. The committee is excited and already looking forward to next year. Over \$10,500.00 was raised for the Foundation. If you missed this year's event be sure to reserve June 27, 2005 for the 10th annual golf tournament. We have tentatively reserved Burl Oaks G. C. again for next year. The manager has indicated that the dining room will be enlarged to handle 20 to 30 more participants.

We would like to especially thank Gary Mueller of Warner Mfg. for the handy contractor tool, and Loyd Schanke, of Future Brands, for

the golf cap and T-shirt for each golfer. We would also like to give a big thank you to the Gold and Silver hole sponsors and all the prize contributors (list at left).

Finally, we would like to thank all the volunteers who worked diligently throughout the day to make it the success that it was: Bob Arneson, Jayne and Laurie Balzer, Carol Colton, George Dahl, Evelyn Daly, Marles Fredbo, Charlene Johnson, Barb Kennedy, Marlys and Warren Schluck, and Marceil Shaughnessy.

If you would like registration material for next year, call Jim Bloom 952-941-3778.



Winners:

1st Place—Charlie Baker, Chuck Baker, Dave Carlson, Tim Doble
2nd Place—Craig Canham, Jim Herberg, Norm Peterson, Don Swanson
3rd Place—Bruce Ludvigson, Wayne Osell, Robert Ramerth, Loyd Schanke
4th Place—Jeremy Jensen, Terry Nelson, Erick Nelson, Mark Sanders
5th Place—Steve Smith, Mike Svendahl, David Svendahl, Gary Svendahl

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Dr. Faith Finnberg '30

Finnberg continued from page 1 and Aunt Estelle, class of 1908, spent her educational career as a beloved first grade teacher at Seward School.

Even though Dr. Finnberg travelled the world, she never forgot the education she and her aunts received at South High. In memory of her aunts and their commitment to education, Faith Finnberg included the South High Foundation in her estate. The Foundation has recently received this bequest. Her gift is for scholarships for graduating South High seniors who will major in education to become elementary and secondary

teachers. As her gift grows, the Foundation anticipates there will be six or more South High graduates at any time attending college and university with Finnberg scholarships.

Remembering South in your giving and estate planning is a meaningful way of passing on your South High experiences to new generations of students. Our Foundation scholarship programs are well-endowed now. New gifts and legacies to South's programs insure that South will remain a leader in providing superior education to its diverse student body.

ALL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Date: October 13, 2004

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 speaker at the next all alumni luncheon will be former principal and Foundation Chair George Dahl '42.

The luncheon menu includes veal birds and dessert. Please contact your

steering committee member or send your checks directly to Bill McMoore no later than **October 5**. 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

1613 Black Oaks Place

Plymouth, MN 55447

Reunions

Class of 1944 — September 10, 2004
11:00 a.m. Luncheon at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. Contact: Shirley Widseth at 952-975-3669.

Class of 1959 — October 23, 2004 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Contact Phil Saterbo 763-477-4726 or Lois Lindquist 952-938-6506

Class of 1965 — Can you believe it's been 40 years since the class of '65 graduated? We're having a party and everyone's invited! Please call or email Nancy Werness Nardone 763-717-4845 nnardone7@msn.com or Joan Anderson Olson & Joey Olson 612-723-1915 jmolson@eshelon.com Plans include: July 30, 2005 Dinner at Jax's — July 31, 2005 Brunch and golf Please let us know if you will attend dinner, brunch or both events. We'd like to hear from you!

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Alms and Westbys, a hockey legacy

In a June 20, 2004 Star Tribune article by Patrick Reusse the Alm and Westby families are noted as "two of the most famous hockey families in this city's history."

Gary, Larry, Rick, Tim, Mike and Tony made up the Alm family. The Westbys were Dick, Ann, Jim, Gerry, Barbara, Judy and David. The brothers began playing in the 1940s at "Westby's weedpatch", a vacant lot made into an ice rink next to the Westby home. They went on to build a reputation of great hockey at South High and then played for the Gophers. The two

families earned a total of 17 Gopher letters together.

Larry Alm, along with Herb Brooks were the last two cuts made at the 1960 Olympics. Jim Westby was a defenseman on the 1964 Olympic team.

Gary Alm recalled the good old days, "We would start walking with the Westbys and pick up kids all the way—Norm Dahl, Dick Koob, the Benson boys." They would walk to Riverside Park when they outgrew the "weedpatch." "It was 150 steps down to the ice rink." Jim Westby said. "It was a hard climb after playing hockey for five, six hours on a Saturday, but it was worth it."

Memorials

Margaret Larson Ballentine '32

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Audrey Moen Halseth '49

Maurice Myhre '34

Martha Seigstad Schneider '25

Edward Seland '41

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Thelma Anderson Smith '37

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Marilyn Keating Vause '44

Richard "Dick" J. Williams '51

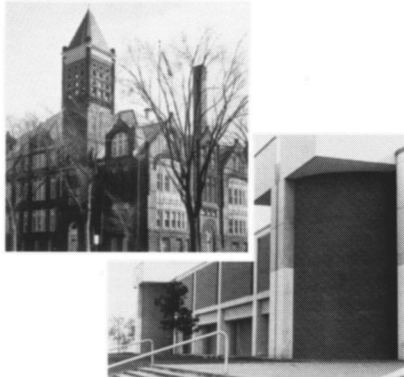


Honorariums

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On their Marriage

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1998 & 2000 Graduates



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September 2004

TWENTY BUCKS FOR SOUTH

Our fall 2003 fund raising campaign was very successful. We received over 800 responses for which we are very grateful. We heard from recent graduates, alumni who are starting families, parents, and friends of South High graduates. The newsletter with BUCKS FOR SOUTH was sent to our entire mailing list of 12,000. Our goal this fall is to hear from all 12,000! We need ALL OF YOU to keep South strong.

For the fourth year in a row, funding to Minneapolis Schools has been drastically reduced. The cuts for the new school year are \$20,000,000. Such reduced funding is now taking a great toll on the core of South High's wonderful offerings. While we all must work to have our state leadership recommit to public education, we need your help now in keeping South High the best school it can be.

Your TWENTY BUCKS (OR MORE!) will purchase school supplies. This coming year there is only \$12.00 available per South student for books, computers, science lab supplies, paper—everything!!! Neighboring suburban schools have at least six times as much per student.

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			<i>Ian Young</i>

First Recipient of the Malmberg Scholarship *Micahla Cohen*

Cornwell Scholarship *Alethea Alden*

Holman Scholars *Krista Beier, Marcos Delgado, Traci Murphy, Benjamin Peterson and Anthony Wilson*

Please contact Jane Petrich '64 612-822-2691 or e-mail: janepetrich@mn.rr.com for more information on mentoring scholarship recipients. Visit the new website: www.wallinscholars.org for more information on the Wallin Scholarship program. _

Alumni band starts with 50 musicians

The **ALL ALUMNI BAND**, under the direction of Dennis Malmberg, will begin this fall with South High musicians from the 1940s on through the 2000s.

Please contact the South High Music Department if you are interested in joining: email south.music@mpls.k12.mn.us or phone Scott Carter at 612-668-4342.



Shakespeare's Macbeth will be performed by South High students

On October 13, 14 and 15 the South High Theatre group will present Shakespeare's Macbeth. October 13 is preview night. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact the school office at 612-668-4300.

Addresss and e-mail updates requested

Please notify the South High Foundation of any name or address changes, so we can update our database. We are also including e-mail addresses. In the near future we hope to send news and special event notices to alumni via e-mail. 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.