



SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION

The Friends of South High Foundation Newsletter

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Together we can make it happen!

It's been approximately three months since we officially kicked off the Athletic Field Fundraiser to build on the Les Barnard Athletic Field. Our goal was set at \$150,000 to build a facility to house a concession stand, ticket booth, restrooms and storage area.

As of March 1, 2008 we have received approximately \$65,000 from alumni, parents and friends of South High. That's 43% of our goal. That's a good start. NOW, we must improve on it to accomplish our goal.

We all need to help. Roll up our sleeves and dig in our pockets and get to work! If you haven't contributed to the fund, please do so. If you have contributed, please consider another contribution.

The class of 1957 was the first to organize it's classmates to raise funds for the Athletic Field. Then the class of 1954 raised \$1,900. The following article issues a challenge to other classes to raise funds for the Athletic

Field. Two members of the Class of 1986 will also be challenging their class to match their \$2,000 gift to the athletic field campaign. If every class takes up the challenge, it will go a long way to help us to reach our goal. **Let's Do It!**

*Thanks,
Harold Benson, SHF President*

Mail To: South High Foundation
3131 19th Avenue S. Mpls., MN 55407
ATTN: Athletic Field

Class of '54 contributes to the athletic field fund

by Elmer Koch '54

"Remember all of the good times we shared at 'Old South'? The dances... the pep fests... the football games.... Well, the football field hasn't changed since those days and currently is ranked as having the worst facilities of any athletic field in the city. It really needs up-grading."

This is how a postcard appeal began which was sent to members of the Class

of 1954. We felt that a special appeal would be a good adjunct to the general fund raising effort that was being conducted. The idea was the brain-child of classmate, Dorothy Bouchard Welch, who sent out the cards. Class President, Gary Alm, and Foundation Board member, Elmer Koch, received numerous checks from classmates over a short two week period.

We were proud to pass on our contributions totaling \$1900 to the Athletic Field Fund! We would encourage and challenge other classes to consider making a similar effort to support the proposed improvements to the South High athletic field.

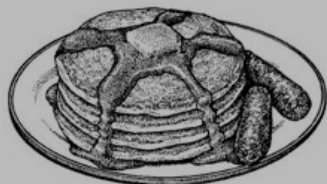
"All contributors will be recognized in the newsletter and on a permanent plaque at the new entrance to the field," said Don Swanson, coordinator of the Athletic Field Fund drive. The committee is still accepting bids for the job and welcomes South High alumni to come forward to fulfill the task.

If you would like to be involved with this effort in any way please contact Don Swanson at 763-533-9083.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 27, 2008

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Join alumni, family & friends!

Tickets available at the door

A time for gathering...

On Sunday, April 27, 2008, we will be holding our 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the commons area of South High School. Bring a hearty appetite and open ears for good food with music provided by the South High Community Band. This will also be a chance to see the newly remodeled school auditorium.

We are keeping the ticket cost the same as in previous years: Adults \$5.00 and children age 10 and under \$2.50. There will be many prizes so bring your preprinted address labels for the raffle tickets. South High sportswear, student crafted pottery, old year books and many other items will also be sold at the breakfast.

A special thank you to Kim Lund, parent of 11th grader Ben Lund, who has donated money for the food. Changes with our suppliers has left us "scrambling" for food products this year. If you would like to donate money towards food, raffle prizes or volunteer to work please leave a message at 612-668-4344 or email Marlys or Warren Schluck at wschluck@aol.com.

SHS sports highlights



Wrestling:

Our wrestling team WON the Twin City Championship! This is the first time ever!

Senior Wrestler James

Locke was named "Athlete of the Week" for February 4th. James is the winningest wrestler in the Minneapolis Conference in history with 177 victories! His record this season is 29 – 3. James is also a "South Scholar." Locke went on to the State Tournament in early March finishing in 6th place.

Coach Drew Gau

Boys Swimming:

Congratulations to the swim team on their second place finish at the Mpls. Conference swimming championships. South took home **one gold, 14 silver and 3 bronze medals**. **Benito Ramirez** was city champion in the 100 butterfly!

Coach Jeff Sanders

Girls Basketball: As State Tournament time comes for the South High girls' team a special note is made of **Taylor Hill** in the Star Tribune's Ten of March's Finest column, "We've been writing about Hill for seemingly forever. She's one of the most sought after recruits in the state, and her combination of skills leaves onlookers dazzled." This past weekend South High beat Wayzata 85 to 54 in the Section 6 semifinals. South will meet Hopkins on March 6 for the Section finals.

Coach Ahmil Jihad

New citywide competition for scholarships

Fifty-five applications were accepted again this year for the very competitive Wallin Scholarship program. Students must have ACT scores 20 and higher - and GPA's 3.0 and higher. Extra points are given to students who have taken PSEO, CIS and AP courses and who show they are involved in community service projects, as well as extra-curricular activities.

A new guideline of the Wallin Scholarship Program is that students must attend college in Minnesota or in the five state area. The scholarship is \$4000.00 a year for four years as long as a student complies with the GPA guideline and full time scholar status (13 credits a semester) while in college.

This year, South scholars will be placed on a city wide spreadsheet to determine winners of Wallin/Holman/Cornwell/Sampson/Junior League scholarships. Recipients will be announced during spring break, attend a mandatory meeting in April and then a reception in mid-May. Good luck to all our applicants!

*Jane Rasmussen Petrich '64,
Wallin Scholar Coordinator*

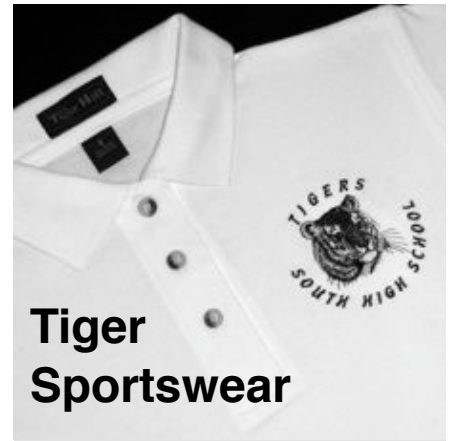
Tiger baseball leads in wins each year

South High boys baseball coach, Erick Nelson '90, looks forward to another great season for the team. Nelson, head coach since 2002, says, "I have been having a blast coaching. We've won three city championships and one Twin City championship. Five of our players have received college scholarships. Our conference record is 62-10 since 2002. I am very proud of the team."

Why does South lead in wins each year among city teams? 100% dedication. The majority of South players concentrate solely on baseball and have the opportunity to play ball year-round, making a trip to Florida each year for spring training. While it's true that the players dedicated, the coaches and parents are essential in keeping South Baseball atop the standings year after year. Whether it's driving, donating, or cheering, everyone contributes to our program's success.

The first game of the season opens with South playing Roosevelt at Bossen Field on April 8, at 4:30 p.m. Home games are played at Van Cleve Park in Minneapolis. For a season schedule go to the mplssouthbaseball.com website.

Pictured at right: Coaching staff: Laurie Balzer '48, Steve Dudero, Erick Nelson '90 and Mike Pogodzinski



Tiger Sportswear

The South High Foundation has a great selection of South High apparel. You will be able to buy this merchandise at the All Alumni Luncheons, the Pancake Breakfast and at your class reunion.

If you would like this apparel at your next reunion please leave a message including your name, class year and date of the event at the South High Foundation office 612-668-4344.

Congrats to science fair students

South High students competed at the Regional Science fair at the U of M in February. All of the South students who participated received a red ribbon for excellence. In addition, senior **Jamie Nelson** received a top project award from the US Army and plenty of good advice to take along with him on his trip to the AISES National Science fair in Albuquerque this March. Freshmen **Lizeth Martinez** and **Brittany Harrington** both received scholarships to participate in a summer science program at the U of M.



Membership/Memorial Form

Please fill out this form and mail it with your contribution to:

SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION

3131 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Name* _____ Class Year _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Phone _____

Comments: _____

Individual Annual Membership Levels

- \$1,000 Medallion
- \$500.00 Southerner
- \$100.00 Centurion
- \$50.00 Orange & Black
- \$25.00 Tiger
- _____ Other



- Please send me information about wills and bequests.
- Please contact me with volunteering opportunities at the South High Foundation
- Memorial or Honorary Contribution \$ _____

in memory of _____ class year _____
 in honor of _____ class year _____

*Please include your high school (maiden) name

Matching Gift form enclosed

All contributions are tax deductible

Thank you for your continued support!

Mulkern '43, an octogenarian with a message

Recent Wall of Honor recipient and retired Hamline University football coach, Dick Mulkern '43, gave an inspirational speech at the 2007 spring All Alumni Luncheon spreading the message to live life to the fullest and realize the gift of old age.

Mulkern has climbed 14,000 foot peaks, rafted in Colorado and the Grand Canyon, parasailed in Mexico, competed in a variety of sports; biking, canoeing, rollerblading, down hill and cross country skiing and entered triathlons and marathons. Yet, he traces his early days back to South High and the memorable events of those years which will ring a bell with a large number of alumni. In Mulkern's speech he writes:

The good times seem so simple yet so memorable. One of the fun ones was to go to the Saturday matinee at the El Lago Theater. For ten cents you saw a double feature, cartoons, and the weekly serial. If you had five cents you could buy a bag of popcorn. If you had a penny you could buy a Holloway caramel sucker. Of course, there was eating White Castles (sliders) which were only three for a dime, playing at

the parks, climbing everything in sight, competing in sports, risk-taking such as hopping a freight or walking the plank under the railroad bridge on 26th Street over the Mississippi River. There were always new adventures, dares, and a need for exploration and creativity.

In January of 1940 I entered South High School and quickly found happiness. The depression years were coming to an end so the economy was on the rise as we entered the early 40's. With friends at South the adjustment was easy. I met old friends and new ones. South was four miles from my house so I was up early and ran down the railroad tracks to Cedar Avenue then north to school. The next three years were my happiest times in school. On Armistice Day, November 11, 1940, a deadly blizzard arrived. The only way to travel



was to walk down the center of the road. Cars were stalled and buried. Stores were closed and lives were lost. 1940 went by rapidly. Wars in Asia were going on but the U.S. was neutral so most of us were enjoying school with very little interest in the wars.

1941 was a great year for me. I felt a part of South High. Great Friends, good classes, and fun made life "swell." I still remember the squeaky hallway floors, the chatter of typewriters, the smell of rotten eggs from chemistry, the Pythagorean Theory from algebra, amendments from civics, and teachers (chalk people). Hallways always seemed a happy place busy with laughter, chatting, smiles, and "hi's." I was proud of South and happy to be there. We had lots of clubs that many joined probably more for the social reasons than causes. Some of the things I recall are the prom, sock hop dances, streetcar dates, the Marigold Ballroom, swing dancing, hayrides, cokes at the drug store, Aquatennial, ice cream parlors, caddying at Town and Country Golf Course, home parties with chips, coca cola, and 45 records, State Fair, penny loafers, cardigan sweaters, and corduroy.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, we entered the war so we realized that military life would soon be in our future.

At right: South senior, Dick Mulkern and a South High classroom in 1943.

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1942 was a fantastic year for me. The best. Life was filled with activities and fun. In fall I was named captain of the football team. I had great teammates and fell in love with football. Ironically, in future years I would coach football for over 25 years. The past three years had gone swiftly by. The class of January 1943 was a great class and we still continue to enjoy each other through reunions every five years.

In Dick's conclusion he states, "In my lifetime I have tried to have "the eye of the tiger," and hopefully will continue to seek new adventures always remembering that we are all passengers on a journey but only on earth time. I am an ordinary man who has had extraordinary blessings."

Joseph Juran '20, quality expert, dies at age 103

Born in Romania in 1904 and coming to the United States in 1912, Juran graduated with honors from South High School at age 16. He went on to earn an electrical engineering degree and also became chess champion at the U of M.

He moved to Chicago to work for Western Electric. In the 40s he went to work in Washington to overhaul logistics in getting supplies to Allied forces in one third the time. He published "Quality Control Handbook" in 1951 and is known worldwide as the greatest authority on quality control.

In 1979 Juran started a consulting firm, the Juran Institute. He also founded the Juran Foundation which later merged into the Carlson School of Management at the U of M.

In Bill Ward's Star Tribune article, Jim Buchman, Director of the U of M Joseph Juran Center for Leadership in Quality, states, "He had phenomenal intellectual gifts but also enormous self-discipline. He could take complex and interrelated things and make them simple. His ability to deeply understand things and explain them to others was the heart of his gift."

Administrative executive assistant needed

The Friends of South High Foundation is looking for a person to contract for work part time to assist with many administrative and organizational duties. Computer skills with documents, databases and web content important. Full details available by following the link on the Foundation website: www.southhighfoundation.org.

Centurion Contributions

Earl J. Anderson '53
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Thelma Lee Coghill '29
Eleanor Cone '61
Sharon Ogdahl Cragg '60
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Bud Dorn
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Orvin Hall '45
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Richard Kellington '53
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Phyllis Peterson Klein '47
Beverly Stanchfield Larson '51
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Bryan Nelson '71
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Deanna Christensen Smith '60
Kenneth Solie '33
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Marilyn Moritz Talbot '43
Wilma Anderson Ulrick '27
Floyd Wefring '36
David Westby '62
Don Yemne '44

Honorariums

Marjorie Adamsick, Former Staff
Daniel Frush, 2005 Graduate
Dale & Lois Gernbacher,
50th Anniversary
Michael Gramling, 1970 Graduate
Ken & Marilyn Lawrence,
50th Anniversary

ALL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

**Musician...
Assistant Principal...
Athletic Director...or State
Commissioner?**



Name the occupation of this 197.... South High alumnus.

This Wall of Honor recipient will be one of four featured at the All Alumni Luncheon this spring:

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008
at the Knights of Columbus
1114 West 79th Street,
Bloomington, MN**

Social hour begins at 11:00 am. Enjoy music by Dick Erickson and his band while visiting with classmates. Baked chicken in wine sauce will be the main entree for the noon luncheon.

Please make your reservation no later than **April 1st** directly to Bill McMoore. Please indicate your graduation year and maiden name on your check for **\$15.00** made payable to the South High Foundation and send to:

**Bill McMoore
1613 Black Oaks Place
Plymouth, MN 55447**

For further information contact Bill McMoore at 763-476-4175.



Class of '48 answers the athletic fund challenge

The June 1948 Class will be celebrating their **60th Reunion** this August (details at right) Please mark your calendar. We are hoping for a great turnout. Why not attend the **All Alumni Luncheon on April 9, 2008** and get together with other '48 grads to discuss reunion plans.

You will be hearing from the reunion committee in a couple of months. If you have any information regarding classmates who have relocated or are deceased please call: Irene Thiele 612-729-5401 or Lill Tushie 952-941-8869.

The class of 1948 is gaining momentum in the Class of '54 challenge (see page 1) to raise the largest amount for the Athletic Field fund. Many classmates have already made their contribution to the fund, making the Class of '48 the leading contender if this challenge. We encourage all 1948 classmates to join the ranks, and have your \$\$ counted. **REMEMBER!!!!** **We think the "Class of 48" is the greatest class of all**, so here's another chance to prove it!

REUNIONS

Class of 1948 — 60th REUNION, August 23, 2008 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Contact Irene Thiele 612-729-5401 or Lill Tushie 952-941-8869. See separate article.

Class of 1953 — Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Edina Country Club. Contact Shirley Searle Raze 763-315-5872 or shirlraze2000@aol.com.

Class of 1958 — 50th REUNION, Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Bloomington Marriott. Plans also include a picnic Friday evening September 19 and a brunch on September 21, 2008. Information will be sent out. Contact Carol Hermann Lobeck 612-869-9087

Class of 1978 — August 22, 2008 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Watch for updates. Contact: ninygren@hotmail.com

Class of 1983 — 25th Reunion, June 28, 2008 at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott. 5-Contact Barb Novotny 952-758-5939 or icu2@bevcomm.net



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COMING EVENTS

March 25 — Pops Concert

April 9 — All Alumni Luncheon

April 21 — South Music Talent
Night

April 27 — Pancake Breakfast

May 13 — Annual Meeting of
the South High Foundation 7:00
p.m.

Spring Band Concerts 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: Adults-\$5 Students-\$3

May 13 — Symphonic Band &

South High Community Band

May 15 — String Orchestra &

Chamber Orchestra

May 16 — Concert Band & Wind
Ensemble

May 20 — Pop Singers & Jazz
Ensemble

May 14-15 — South High
Theater presents: student written
and directed **One-Act Plays** 7:00
p.m.

June 9 — 2008 Graduation

Be a winner every time at the annual

If you sign up for golf, lunch and a
buffet dinner, you are
very likely to become
a winner. Each year
there are prizes.

Prizes that are
auctioned off by Dave
Weber, prizes in a
silent auction and also
raffle prizes. Place
awards and fields
prizes top it all off.

This year's event will
be held on **Monday,
June 23, 2008** at Burl
Oaks Golf Club.
Registration forms
will go out in May to



those who have
participated
previously. Contact
Jim Bloom at
952-941-3778 or
email
jvbloom@msn.com
for registration
materials or more
information.

*Pictured at left:
Longtime golf committee
member Pat Weber '58
is happy to receive one
of the prizes at last years
event!*

How to contact the Foundation and newsletter deadlines:

Please submit articles for the South High Foundation Newsletter by **February 22** for the spring issue and **July 24** for the fall issue. Mail to South High Foundation, 3131 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Contact the Foundation by phone at 612-668-4344 or go to the website southhighfoundation.org