

## 2008 Wall of Fame

January 2009

Dinner, Reception, Induction Ceremony

## Annual Meeting Sept 14

Election of officers  
for 2010-2012

Participation is the key to fullest success! Members are encouraged to come and enjoy free hotdogs, brats and tacos at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Manhattan High School Alumni Association, Monday, Sept. 14th at the American Legion Hall in Manhattan. A social hour starts at 6:00pm, with the Annual Business meeting gavelled to order at 7:00pm.

This is an election year for MHSAA. Charlie Hostetler '56, chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present a suggested Slate of Officers and Directors (who jointly make up the MHSAA Board of Directors) to the membership for the 2010/2012 term. Nominations may also be entered from the floor.

The current Board will be available to report and talk with everyone. The business meeting will also include reports to the membership by each Committee Chair.



Above: Mike Silva, MHS '74, center, and classmates



Tom Romig '66, MHSAA Pres. Dave Fiser '57 and MHS Principal Terry McCarty, at Induction Ceremony

Wall of Fame 2008 Honorees Gen. Michael J. Silva, MHS 1974, Dean Thomas Romig '66, Earl Woods, MHS 1949 and Clementine Paddleford, MHS 1917 were celebrated by families, friends, and classmates who all enjoyed multiple

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## President's Message

Why wait for your year reunion to roll around? Let MHSAA spark an interim reunion for you. Call some of your classmates and get a group together to discuss old times at one of our events.



Please mark your calendars for the next important MHS Alumni Association events this summer and fall. The first summer event was our Family Potluck Picnic Friday, August 7th at the Keats Park west of

Manhattan with MHSAA providing the hamburgers and hotdogs grilled by our own Events Chairman Keith Eyestone. We had activities for the children and grandchildren and all those who attended enjoyed the evening.

The Annual General Membership meeting will be held on Monday September 14th at the American Legion Hall 114 McCall Road. The social hour featuring tacos, nachos, hotdogs and soft drinks will be from 6:00pm until 7:00pm with the MHSAA General Membership Meeting starting at 7:00pm.

Our third event is the MHSAA tailgate party prior to the MHS home football game Friday night October 16th against

Topeka High. We will be furnishing hotdogs, cookies and refreshments at the south end of Bishop Stadium next to the football locker room starting at 5:00pm until game time. MHSAA members and their families will be admitted free if you enter the south gate by the football locker room. Bring your family, put on your Indian hat, tee shirt or sweatshirt and enjoy an evening with at Bishop Stadium.

I hope you will take the time to attend one or all three of these MHSAA events and invite other Manhattan High School grads to join you. Get together with your classmates now before it is too late.

*Dave Fiser '57*

President, MHSAA

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*"Enhancing Manhattan High School and its graduates through life-long involvement."*

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## From the Editor



At the end of the 2009 school year, Superintendent Shannon suggested we look back over the many achievements of MHS students. "Talk to a student who's just finished the year," he suggested, ask how the year went, the challenges, the lessons learned, and so on. So I did.

My student had just graduated, so I expanded my brief to his four years of MHS. "They were good," he smiled, but he was not wrapped in nostalgia. The next level of his life was calling and he was ready. The variety and depth of classes available at MHS had given him the opportunity to decide upon the direction for the next stage. It wasn't always easy at MHS, however. He felt his biggest challenge had been finding his place within the large school. Being thrown into the huge student body of MHS West was a shock. He tried different sports, participated in music as his academic schedule allowed, and he found did well.

When I asked what lessons he could take away with his accomplishments, he thought, smiled again, and had a good answer: "Relaxing is more pleasurable AFTER homework is done." One of the many difficulties in high school, with homework, grades and friends, is time management: he'd suddenly realized he was responsible for his own discipline in getting his work done on time. It seemed a cruel intrusion that this had come at the same time he'd finally gotten his own car.

Favorite teachers while at MHS? Many good ones, he thought. The classes he disliked were those where he felt the teacher was unwilling to see if a student's novel solution might not be "wrong" but just different from the expected answer.

My friend had taken class work through the MHS online program, IQ Academy. While he found aspects of this a struggle in his situation, it allowed him to complete work he would not have been able to schedule otherwise.

As a final question, I asked, "What would you change?" With no hesitation he answered, "I'd make the lunch period longer!"

A note about "Amen First Extra" in the title of this issue's Golden Alum story. The meals at the IOOF Home were always Blessed. And the kids would claim a right to a second helping among themselves by calling 'first extra' right before they ate. This became seamlessly attached to the Amen at the end of the blessing. Ernie Marshall has donated his history of the IOOF Home, with pictures, and more stories like his own, to the Riley County Historical Society.

## MHS Newsweek ranking In top 6% in this ranking

Manhattan High School was ranked in the top 1500 high schools in the U.S. by Newsweek Magazine, one of six Kansas schools to make their list.

As explained on the website [www.newsweek.com](http://www.newsweek.com), for the Newsweek Challenge Index, "Public schools are ranked according to a ratio devised by Jay Matthews as follows: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2008 divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on their list have an index of at least 1.000...." In other words, at least as many took the tests as graduated. Newsweek said: "We do not include any magnet or charter high school that draws such a high concentration of top students that its average SAT or ACT scored significantly exceeds the highest average for any normal-enrollment school in the country. The Challenge Index is designed to honor schools that have done the best job in persuading average students to take college level courses and tests. It does not work with schools that have no, or almost no, average students. This year that meant... schools had to have an average SAT score below 1950 or an average ACT score below 29 to be included on the list." (There were 16 public schools with scores too high to make the list.)

Two other statistics were noted for each school on the list: the percent of students with subsidized meals and the average "Equity and Excellence" (E&E) rate. The E&E rate represents the "percentage of graduating seniors who had at least one passing grade on at least one AP or IB test." The average E&E rate in 2008 was 15.2; MHS scored an E&E of 25. The Subsidized Lunch rate for MHS was 23.

Newsweek agreed on its website that "High School is more than just AP or IB tests," but they offer this measure as a quantifiable and an "easily understood qualitative measure." As they concluded: "These are all exceptional schools, the top 6% of American high schools measured this way."

The six schools in Kansas with their Challenge Index rankings, are:

Blue Valley Northwest, Overland Park, 364  
Wichita East, Wichita, 565  
Blue Valley, Stilwell, 704  
Blue Valley North, Overland Park, 760  
Blue Valley West, Overland Park, 822  
Manhattan, Manhattan, 1392

MHS is the newcomer to this list. CONGRATULATIONS, MHS!

# Ernest Marshall, MHS 1938

## “First Extra” Golden Alum

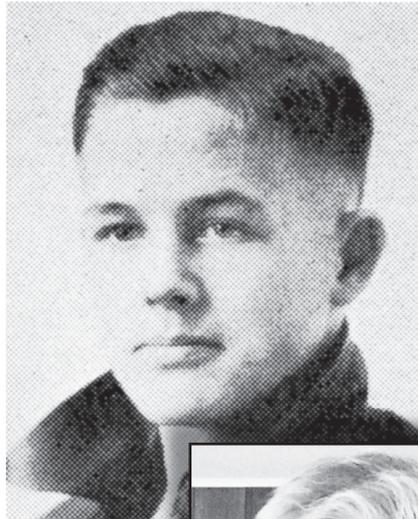
In 1932, at the depths of the Depression, Ernie Marshall's father died leaving no insurance. Ernie's 52 year old mother was suddenly a widow with no work experience and the only paying employment she could find was as a live-in maid in Kansas City, 20 miles away from their home in Bonner Springs. There was no one who could afford to take in the Ernie and his younger brother. Week-day home-alone arrangements did not work; Ernie's mother realized she would have to give up her boys.

These were desperate times. Fortunately, Minnie Marshall was a Rebekkah, a member of the Women's auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which operated a home for their aged members and for the needy children of members who were unable to raise their children themselves. The requirements for entry in 1933 were physical & mental fitness: having a situation where the children could not be cared for by family, even by a surviving parent: and being between the ages of four and twelve. Ernie's mother had to move quickly: she got the boys accepted two weeks before Ernie's 12th birthday.

For Ernie (and many who lived at the Home until it closed in 1952) this was *not* a Dickensian place. Located in the once-luxurious, then flood-damaged and renovated, Manhattan Beach Resort, it was a gracious and spacious property. During the 1930s, the Home children seemed to know they “had it good on the inside.” Many got the first birthday presents they'd had in years at the Home and the Christmas presents far surpassed what their families' could have given them.

The Home operated as a farm and the Home children worked before and after school. Each boy milked three to five cows morning and night and worked in the fields (horses were used until the late '30s.) There were hogs and beef, chickens and eggs, and a large garden and orchard. Girls helped with the house work, in the dining rooms and in the hospital on the grounds. Discipline was strict but within reason, Ernie remembers. The penalties were missing trips, being “confined to quarters” or given more work, with occasional spankings. There was also effective discipline by the children of each other. They were a family, just children who grew up with 75-125 “brothers and sisters.”

Once the chores were done, the Home kids had a lot of freedom. They had many good times and a wealth of adventures, leaving rich memories: skinny dipping in the Kaw (absolutely off-bounds;) panty raids (which ended when they got greedy and took too many;) an elaborate tree house built over the



*Ernie Marshall*

*1938 Blue M senior photo*



*Ernie Marshall*

*photo by his daughter*

years which served for secret rendezvous; the secret meeting rooms in the attic, reached only by climbing the pipes in the closet; purloining food from the kitchens for campfire cookouts; the “Spanish Village” road house where they could buy beer (maybe by selling a Home farm chicken for the money); watermelon raids on the farmer's field next door. And not to be forgotten was one year's potent “cherry bounce” made by fermenting ripe fruit pinched from the orchard.

School through 8th grade was held at the Home, and was exceptional, Ernie said. All the children participated in music and drama and all recalled these classes with pride and enthusiasm. Although Ernie was given a trombone because he had long arms rather than talent, the Home Band was known throughout the state. Academics were strong: one year Ernie won the Riley County Spelling Bee. After 8th Grade, high schoolers were bussed into MHS, where they generally found themselves ahead in their classes. They weren't able to participate in after-school activities, but they made good friends, especially with the others who ate lunch at school. After eating, they would all play impromptu sports games on the field behind the school or in the gym. Home kids seldom got into trouble at MHS because they would get additional punishment from the Home for delaying the bus. One major disruption for many was when the K-State college students ran through the MHS halls, turning out the classes after winning the big KU game. All classes had

*by Janet (Krider) Duncan '58 & Ernie Marshall '38*

to be made up after school or weekends, and the time lost at the Home meant extra chores.

On their own time, Ernie and his friends were allowed to make their own money. Before their morning milking, they would set traps for fur-bearing animals. After skinning and curing their pelts (a lot of smelly work,) they sold them to the ‘fur purchaser’ for \$0.25 for 50 pounds. Another enterprise was their skunk-oil-as-arthritis-cure business (Old Aged Home next door) until their supply dwindled below its useful dilution point. The boys also trapped and sold feral cats to the K-State biology department. Once. The college refused their fierce animals a second time.

In 1936, Ernie's big brother in Santa Monica sent him bus fare for a summer visit. Ernie worked there parking cars and made enough money to bring \$50 back to the Home. He spent \$25 for a 1925 Chevrolet Roadster with a truck bed fitted into its rumble-seat space. Wheeled freedom lasted only as long as the rest of the money and his schemes for getting free gas.

Ernie graduated from MHS five days before his 17th birthday in May of 1938. Released from the Home with a suitcase full of clothes and \$10, he had an offer in CA: a cot to sleep on at his brother's auto garage if he wanted to go to college. Dropped off on Highway 40, Ernie stuck out his thumb and was on his way. Working three jobs to pay his way, Ernie received an AA Degree from Santa Monica Jr. College then joined the US Merchant Marine immediately after Pearl Harbor. He served in the Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean, and Indian Oceans, surviving 10 days in a lifeboat off the coast of South Africa.

After the war, still intent on finishing his education, Ernie enrolled in Purdue University in Horticulture. There he met and married Anna Marie Martin. Strongly encouraged by his professors, he entered the Doctoral program at Cornell and received his PhD in 1951 in Vegetable Crops.

Ernie joined Union Carbide Corp. (UCC) in Yonkers, NY as part of their Research Fellowship. By 1961 he was the world wide marketing manager for Union Carbide's full line of agricultural products. Always up for adventure, in 1976. Ernie and Annie Marshall were transferred to India where he became research director of UCC's Indian subsidiary. They returned to the US in 1978 and Ernie became Marketing Director for Union Carbide Agricultural Operations responsible for nine western states. Ernie retired in 1986. He and Annie are the parents of six children and live in Carmel Valley, CA.

# MHSAA Events

*Keith Eyestone '80, Committee Chair*

Did you miss having a class reunion this year? We hope you made it to the MHSAA picnic to see old friends!



*Events Committee Chair Keith Eyestone '80' & committee member Doug Fiser '82, cook for summer picnickers*

## MHSAA Summer Picnic

*After dinner: dessert and discussion was enjoyed by all*



## Football Tailgate Party

Indians vs Topeka High Trojans, October 16 is our MHS/MHSAA football event this fall. Join the group! Admission to the game is FREE for MHSAA members at the south gate. And don't forget if you are eligible for an 'Indian Council' pass, many MHS events will be free. Details at MHS West. Main Office.

## Your Letters

“Does anyone know the status of Duane Gregg and Charles McMasters? Both were shop teachers in the 60's.”

**Steve Johnson '63”**

*Editor:* I talked to Orville Gobber, another teacher from the 50s. Charles McMasters went from MHS to the Vo-Tech (now Area Technical College) and he died a few years ago of leukemia. Duane Gregg left MHS to become an Industrial Editor at *Better Homes & Gardens Magazine* in Des Moines, Iowa. Steve Johnson then contacted Duane Gregg and wrote again.

“Both Duane Gregg and Charlie McMasters were a positive influence on me I never forgot. I was a very average student, except for the shop classes. Apparently I did well in the ACT test and Duane Gregg came up to me, put his hand on my shoulder and told me that I was either the laziest person or  
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# Wall of Fame '09/'10

*Committee chair Mike Buchanan '78*

## Welcome new WoF Chairman Mike Buchanan



*Mike Buchanan '78*

We have an inspiring list of MHS grads on our Wall of Fame so far: the twelve plaques in the photo below represent the Wall of Fame Classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008. The Class of 2009 will be selected shortly and inducted early in 2010, but now is the time to think about the many other equally qualified MHSers that belong on that Wall. They await some member of MHSAA to nominate them. They need YOU!

Our current Wall of Fame group ranges from the graduation years 1917, Columnist and author Clementine Paddleford, to 1974, Gen. Michael J. Silva. U.S. Army Reserves.

We have a past US Secretary of the Interior, Fred Seaton, MHS 1927 and a Hollywood and TV star Inger Stevens, MHS 1952.

Spanning the military, public service, Law and academia is Dean Thomas Romig '66, former Adjutant General of the United States and now Dean of Washburn Law School.

Sports stars include Pro Football great Gary Spani, MHS 1974, Harold Robinson '48, the first black scholarship athlete in the Big 8, and Deb Richard, MHS 1981, LPGA pro golfer and philanthropist.

Journalism and Media gave us Bill Buzenburg, MHS '64, lately of NPR Radio and now the Center for Public Integrity, while public service is the passion of Kansas State Senator Roger Reitz, MD '51.

Also from the world of show business, but in a category all his own, is comedy innovator and acclaimed Improv teacher Del Close, MHS 1952.

Earl Woods, author, promoter of youth golf and father of golfer Tiger Woods, completes the current Wall. All biographiess are on the MHSAA Website.

Do you know someone you feel should join this group? A musician? A scientist? MHSAA members, please nominate someone for the 2010 Wall of Fame. Nomination forms are available on the MHSAA website, or write MHSAA (address on page 2.)

*Below: Wall of Fame In Spring 2009*



*2008 Wall of Fame cont. from page 1*

festivities on January 9, 2009. Silva and Romig were on hand to accept their awards; Mary Jo Hageman, Joan Blakely and Bonnie DeVore, represented Clementine Paddleford and Don Slater, represented the Woods Family. A number of MHSAA members joined this group for dinner before the ceremony at the Manhattan restaurant, Della Voce. Prepared by Chef Noah Reagan, MHS 1995, the menu featured dishes using Clementine Paddleford's most famous cookbook, *How America Eats*.

A reception followed in the cafeteria at MHS West, where more friends gathered for conversation over punch and cookies.

At the induction ceremony, the biography inscribed upon the plaque of each

Honoree, was read by Dan Hall '70 (Chairman of the Wall of Fame committee from 2005 to spring 2009.) MHSAA President Dave Fiser and MHS West Principal Terry McCarty presented the plaques. Duplicate plaques hang on the Wall of Fame at MHS West.

A video of the Induction ceremony is available from the MHSAA website, courtesy of The Manhattan Mercury. A transcript of the Honorees remarks is on page 12



*Left Dan Hall '70, former Hall of Fame Committee Chairman  
THANK YOU  
for a job well done!*

**Minimum WoF Criteria**  
An MHS graduate with significant accomplishments after MHS that are recognized beyond the local level. Any field, age will not be a consideration and the award can be presented posthumously. The nomination form, with biography and supporting documents, must be submitted by Aug. 1st each year.

# OLD PLACES and OLD FACES

Essayist Pat Dougherty '57



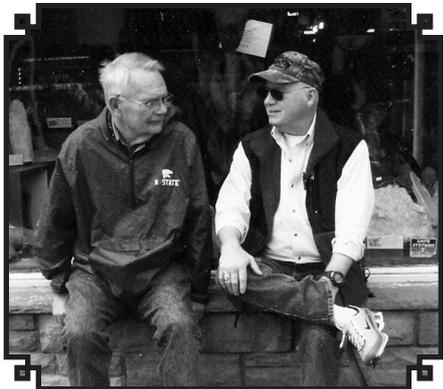
*Dr Ralph Ball, with Mrs. Ball on the right and Bell Spencer on the left, picnicking at Mt. Prospect in 1913*

Growing old has its good points, I'm sure. But, mull it over all you want, the list just doesn't get that long. The drawbacks are best left alone. They take care of themselves without any help.

The increased

quickness of passing time is one of those things, but is a bit ambiguous; it could be a good thing or a bad thing. It depends. An old Manhattan friend, Jim Florence, took a pretty dim view of it though. He said life was like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. His ran out a few months ago.

Looking back, there are several vacant places in an imaginary group photo of Jim and several other old friends, family and classmates that like him have hit the end of the roll. When the chance comes along to meet up with one who is still watching the roll speed by, I grab it. (The chance, that is) And so it was when I met with Jim Erickson, an old buddy and classmate,



*Pat Dougherty, left, Jim Erickson right.*

in Estes Park, Colorado this summer, where 48 years worth of toilet paper instantly vanished.

Being lucky enough to cross over your own wake a few times in traversing the wide circles of life is not only one of the blessings of aging, it is surely one of the most unexpected and surprising when it happens. Crossing trails with someone, whom you once knew very well, whether friend, family, or loved one, after an absence of many years is quite an experience. After the initial shock of their changed physical appearance subsides, the recognition of their familiar character, their personality, their spirit, what ever you may call it, is a marvelous moment. Effortlessly, each recognizes the other as they were, as they are, unchanged.

The surprise requires that a lot of time pass by unmolested in the interim. A

lot. Amazingly all the intervening events, the struggles, victories, defeats, children, and now grandchildren, disappear, vanish. While reformation may be acclaimed, and may or may not have ameliorated some unhappy habit or activity, the unique thing that is the basis of that person remains as it was, unreformed, and as far as friendship with them is concerned, without the need of any. The passage of time and absence of opportunity to insist on change are the only requirements. In fairness though, some that could have used a little modification, it turns out, still need it.

Crossing old trails with remembered places can be almost as rewarding when they appear much the same as they did long ago. But it is not quite the same thing. When a once familiar place is greatly changed in appearance or simply gone, there remains only a sense of loss. A home that has been replaced by a parking lot is just a parking lot. The beauty of Wildcat Creek exists pretty much unchanged where it runs south below the big cliff immediately west of Sunset Cemetery and the Zoo. It is spectacular when viewed from down at creek level, especially in the spring. A visit there brings back a flood of wonderful memories and is a treasured experience. "Top of the World" exists still. But Seth Child, a four-lane thoroughfare, runs right next to it. The old grove at the eastern base of the hill, the site of many a "kegger," is now part of the roadbed just north of the Marlatt Ave. exit. A return to that spot hardly merits a turn of the head.

When Manhattan was just an ambitious village a century ago, a very popular destination spot for a Sunday outing was Mt. Prospect, labeled later by K-State engineering students with a gigantic concrete "KS," painted white.



*A picnic outing to Mount Prospect, pauses for a Photo Op on the Kansas River bridge in 1911.*

That meeting place and the people shown in the accompanying photographs are gone. Another was Eureka Electric Park. The park, located just north of highway 18 and east of the Municipal Airport was adjacent to Lake Eureka. Large Sycamores, Elms and Oaks provided cooling shade for gardens decorated with marvelous white statues, fountains, and picnic areas tucked away among carefully manicured flower lined paths. This site and all the people who strolled the paths and frolicked in the picnic areas are gone too, except for perhaps an old photograph or two located in a



*Eureka Electric Park, 1912*

dusty album. Any sense of loss is confined to the people shown in the photos, if you knew them.

Pillsbury Crossing remains much as it was when it was just a settler's trail crossing Deep Creek. Located about 10 miles southeast of Mt. Prospect, it has been a popular spot for young people to gather since before 102 year old Agnes Chartier's MHS class of '25 took their senior sneak there. Impressive as the preservation of the old crossing is, it does not equal a visit with Mrs. Chartier after an absence of many years. Astonishingly her strong distinctive character comes through unchanged,

just as it was so many years ago.

The surprising aspect is that the substantiality of whatever character is, requires the passage of a great deal of time to make itself, and its uniqueness clearly manifest. So, in that regard at least, old age is not so bad.

In fact, it appears to be essential.

# The History

## The Band, the early years

by Janet (Krider) Duncan '58

The first Band pictured in the first Blue M (photo 1) looks like a group of kids “clowning around.” It was a group of kids clowning around; they were a part of the 1919 MHS Circus. The Circus was an all-school event produced by the student council each year between 1919 and 1924. Every Circus held a Circus Parade in which the Band marched, along with ‘wild animals’ and a preview of the main events and sideshow acts—tumblers, singers, dancers, and the ‘wild animals,’ all acted/made by students and for which the public paid admittance. Circus was a fund-raiser. A large chorus and the orchestra were also part of the show. A kind of forerunner of today’s Variety Show, ‘Circus’ was an activity of many students in the Blue Ms.

The Clown Band apparently continued to play as a pep band at football games and basketball games. Recognizing this talent and interest, the school hired a professor of music to come down from Kansas State College to lead them (as was already being done for the school orchestra.) MHS students had turned their “clowns” into the MHS Band!

In 1923, the band was pictured in the Blue M as a regular school group (Photo 2) with director, math teacher Paul Evans. They played concerts as well as for all home football and basketball games, and traveled to Topeka and Lawrence for games.

By 1924, activities at MHS must have been humming. The first black player lettered in football that year, Forest Lorenzo Walker; three boys were elected cheerleaders, Raymond Dobbs, Paul Barger, and Karl Pfuetze; and Mr. R. H. Brown was hired as the first Director of



Photo 2: High School Band, 1923 Blue M

Instrumental Music. Mr. Brown, who had started to direct District strings part-time in 1923, also owned the music shop on Poyntz Avenue which would later become Betton’s Music, and was the director of the Manhattan Municipal Band.



Photo 1: 1919 Circus Band at MHS

While instrumental music was not yet a class and no school time was used for practice, Mr. Brown encouraged students who were at all interested in an instrument to sign up for Band or Orchestra. He immediately enlarged the Band by including students from Manhattan Junior High, in the building next door, to play along side their Senior High counterparts.

The Circus was changed in 1924 into a Country Fair and given a more educational theme, but the “Boys Band” (as it was called in the ‘24 yearbook) retained its place in the festivities, along

admiration of all.”

And that Band of 80 members wasn’t just any band: it was the Famous Oriental Band! (Photo 3)

The uniforms of the Oriental Band must have been splendid. Brilliantly colored with scarlet, blue and emerald green satin, their cummerbunds and white puttees would have flashed when they marched. In 1930, the Band boasted 68 regular players then swelled to 80 for parades—and judging from the photo below, some of these were girls. In addition to their regular schedule of football and basketball games,



Photo 3 MHS 1929 Oriental Band

with orchestra (in which girls played) and chorus. They also won first place in a Sectional Music Tournament, the first contest for Band mentioned in the Blue Ms. The “Jazz Band” played at football and basketball games and for pep rallies.

In 1929, our MHS School Song, “Deep in our Hearts”, was written and adopted, and the Band’s and Mr. Brown’s popularity were high. “When Mr. Brown came to town five years ago,” quotes the ‘29 Blue M, “there were four people who could play instruments,” but by the spring of ‘29 they had a Band of 80, an Orchestra of 60, and Mr. Brown had “the respect and

they marched and played in more places than ever—at the American Royal Show in Kansas City and in Manhattan’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration parade.

The Great Depression shows in the thin yearbooks of the 30s with fewer photos. Enthusiasm for the band did not dim in spite of the hardships, which included a polio epidemic in 1931. But a more classroom-type mission was developed, stated in part by the 1934 Blue M as The Purpose of the High School Band: “...to give students practice time and opportunity to play different instruments.” They still played at MHS football games and for

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pep rallies, although the big full band seems to have dropped basketball games during this decade. They marched in parades and at the American Royal Show in Kansas City, where the group won second place Honors in 1939. The band also had an opportunity each year to play at a Kansas State football game. Although not all the Blue M's of the 30s specifically mentioned the Band, the decade ended with the 1939/1940 yearbook dedicated once more to the MHS Band Man, Mr. R. H. Brown.

School started late in 1940 with another polio epidemic. The 60 member Band missed many events; their only parade was for Band Day at K-State. But a 13 member student-led and student-directed, Pep Band was started to play at basketball games and school pep rallies, and political rallies around the county.

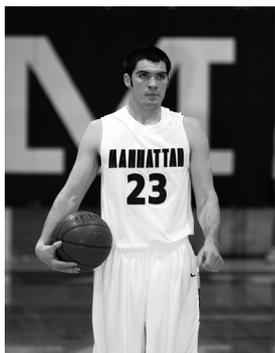
After this start to the decade, a new 1941 Band (photo 4) emerged. At 72 members strong with military-style uniforms, three twirlers and a drum major, they had a completely new identity ready for the coming war years.



*Photo 4: 1941 MHS Band*

## MHS' lowest basketball score

*"I Wonder" Column, courtesy of The Manhattan Mercury, by Ned Seaton '86*



*Action shot of Colton Rohr during the MHS vs Hayden game, January 9, 2009.*

*photo Courtesy of The Mercury*

**Q: Was the game Friday night the lowest-scoring basketball game in Manhattan High School history? Was it the lowest-scoring game in Kansas history?**

**A: No and (consequently) no.**

In case you didn't read about it, Friday night's boys game was a real humdinger. Hayden beat Manhattan 18-15 in overtime.

It was 2-1 at halftime.

Seriously.

Hayden, the top-ranked team in 4A, features one future Division I college player and one likely prospect, and had a serious height advantage on the fightin' Indians. MHS coach Tim Brooks decided his team really couldn't hang with Hayden in a normal game, so he put in the stall. MHS simply held the ball or passed it around the perimeter for the entire first half. There's no shot clock in Kansas high school hoops.

That was remarkable enough. What's at least as remarkable, in retrospect, is that Hayden coach Ted Schuler didn't have his team come out of its zone defense to try to force the Indians out of the stall. Anyway, in the second half, Hayden extended its zone a bit and manned up on one of the Indians' guards. So occasionally, an MHS player found a seam through the lane for a layup. The Indians went

up 12-7 with about three minutes left. The gym was going nuts. But Hayden tied it at the end of regulation and then won in overtime, largely because of a couple of steals and better free-throw shooting.

Brooks defended his strategy, saying "we just had to do what we had to do," given the relative strength of the Hayden team, which had won 27 straight. Schuler also said he had no problem with the tactic — "This is about wins and losses, and he almost pulled it off."

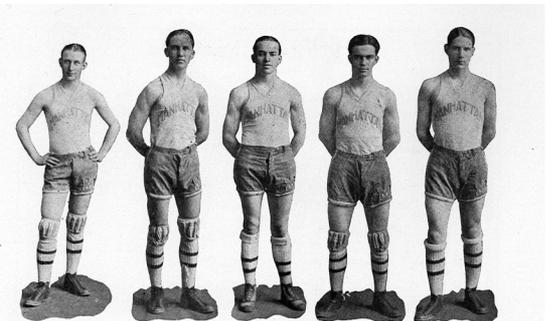
It was unusual. You could say it was unprecedented in the modern era, but it's certainly not the lowest-scoring game in school or state history, according to MHS records dating back to 1915. The most recent parallel: On Dec. 13, 1940, MHS beat Lawrence 18-15. The year before, MHS also beat Lawrence 11-9. The year before that, the Indians lost to Ottawa 18-13. There were several lower-scoring games in the 1930s and 1920s. The lowest-scoring contest ever appears to have been a Jan. 5, 1923, contest in which Manhattan beat Marysville 15-1. The lowest offensive output was a 17-3 loss to Abilene in 1925. (Technically, MHS beat K.C. Southwest 2-0 in 1996, but that was a forfeit; the score is registered that way for the records, but the game was not actually played. I assume you're not really asking about that.)

We couldn't find immediate access to statewide records, so we don't know the lowest-scoring game in state history. Fran Martin, who administers basketball for the Kansas State High School Activities Association, said her organization only keeps records of state playoff games. You have to go back to Russell's 20-16 win over Goodland in 1963 to find a parallel. But anecdotally, she said a game of this sort still happens from time to time because there's

no shot clock.

Incidentally, it should be noted that the current game is substantially different from the one being played in the 1920s and 1930s. Originally, as you may know, James Naismith's rules in 1891 didn't allow dribbling. If a player went out of a game, he couldn't come back in, until that rule was changed in 1921. Coaching was also originally prohibited during the game; in 1949, the rules were changed to allow coaches to address players during a timeout. The 10-second limit to advance the ball over halfcourt was put in place in 1933. Goaltending became a violation in 1944. In 1938, they eliminated a center jump ball after every made basket.

Most rule changes over the long pull have boosted scoring, so that an 18-15 game is far more unusual than it would have been back in the day. Martin said players today are far more skilled and fit than they were decades ago, which has bumped up scoring. Conversely, though, Martin said it takes a team with a good bit of ball-handling skill to pull off what Manhattan almost pulled off. "A lot of coaches would like to try that" in certain situations, but don't have players skilled enough to do it, she said. Plus, she said, Hayden's decision not to come out to force the issue also contributed to the oddball scenario.



**BASKET BALL**

*Basketball team from 1923 Blue M. There were no action photos in the yearbook.*

# Reunions

## Great Times At MHS

*By Dean Taylor, Reunion Committee co-chair*

Most of the classes graduating from MHS in the years ending in 4s and 9s have organized dates and the countdown is on ready, set, on your mark, attend your reunion. Your committee has the sizzle, sparkle, and spirit all planned for a great celebration of your successes and to renew old acquaintances. Now it's your turn to register, pay the fees, and attend. Your week-end to wine and dine with classmates and remember the "good old days." Don't procrastinate—register now. If you don't attend you will be sad when you hear all the things that happened at your reunion. A larger attendance means more excitement and greater cherished memories from more people sharing.

2009 class reunions are listed on the MHSAA website [www.mhsalumniassociation.org](http://www.mhsalumniassociation.org). There, you can also click on various class web sites to see what's planned.

We have two classes from the years ending in 0s and 5s who have set dates.

If you are an organizer and need assistance, we are at your service. Contact the MHSAA Reunion Committee by clicking on Reunions on the website. You can directly contact Dean Taylor, '52 at [tay7765@aol.com](mailto:tay7765@aol.com) or Cam Feltner '71 at [cfeltner@msn.com](mailto:cfeltner@msn.com) if you require a local representative.

**The Reunion Schedule So Far**  
It was Manhattan High School Reunion Week at the Clarion Hotel the second week of June

where the class of 1944 kicked off the season on June 10, 11. The classes of 1949 and 1959 moved in Friday evening June 12 for the weekend. They proved that two classes can share the Clarion. A great time was had by all June 12 & 13 and good-byes on Sunday morning. July was full with 1964, 1979, and 1989, and August continued with '84 & '54. Reunions continue with:

September 18,19 – 1999  
October 9,10 – 1969  
1970 – July 2, 3, 4, 2010  
1980 – October 9, 10, 2010  
October 2, 3, 4, the class of 1952 will be getting together for a mini-reunion and 75th birthday party (most classmates will be 75 in 2009.) Northeast Hampton Inn in Wichita, KS.

## Reunion Planners Beware

In making contracts with meeting places in advance there is normally small print that cancels the contract for no reason. The class of 1979 had a contract for 20 sleeping rooms and 6 suites with the Clarion Hotel signed in November 2008 for July 24/25, 2009. They had great plans for a festival with each suite being a different theme. In April 2009 the Clarion canceled them out completely and they had to make less than ideal new arrangements. Other classes have had the Ballroom "A" reserved for their banquet only to be relocated to meeting rooms II and III – a really cramped situation. This doesn't happen often, but it's the chance we take.



# Membership

*Dave Fiser President  
Carita Otts Vice President*

Your MHSAA membership committee continues to work with and through class reunion representatives to spread the word regarding membership opportunities. Several MHS classes have included MHSAA membership information in their packets for their upcoming reunions. Also, many classes are making arrangements to drop by our MHSAA alumni center, Room 110 at Manhattan High School East Campus, during scheduled reunion tours. While there, they can pick up and read *The Alumni Mentor* and our colorful membership brochures.

Results from the membership committee's project that involved sending our membership brochures to existing MHSAA members are being evaluated. Thanks to those of you who took the time to sign up a new member so that they can participate in our MHS Alumni Association programs. It is always a good time to sign up a new member.

We will have membership applications available at our summer picnic, annual membership meeting and the fall football tailgate outing. We hope to see you there—and please bring an old MHS friend along. Our next committee meeting will be a planning session for our 2010 membership drive. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated and can be sent to Dave Fiser ([dfiser1@cox.net](mailto:dfiser1@cox.net)) or Carita Otts ([carita@ksu.edu](mailto:carita@ksu.edu)).

Our goal for 2010 is to have 1,000 MHSAA members.

# Contributor's Corner

## AHEARN

*by Craig Chappell '57*

“I’d walk a mile for a Camel.” So claimed the beautiful people advertising Camel cigarettes back in the 1950s. I never took them up on it.

But walk a mile to Ahearn Field House in the winter? That I was willing to do.

In the ‘50s, our family of four walked to Ahearn many a time to see K-State whomp up on most basketball opponents. And if it was not through hip-deep snow, it often was over icy sidewalks.

Ahearn.

We sat four abreast four rows up in the east balcony. Young businessman Bill Aye and his wife sat in front of us. Bill was bald, yet he was the one who’d scream “Baldy!” at one balding ref in particular. I think it was Jim Enright, but I may have my referee names and descriptions mixed up. I do picture this ref as bald, portly, and a real showman who’d race up to Bob Boozer, say, and launch an accusing arm and kick a leg right at the surprised Booz and scream out his number. The crowd went

Jell-O, and her saddle shoes beat out a staccato on that varnished floor.

The pep band pounded out the Wildcat victory song and the ten-thousand strong practically wept with joy. We even cheered the janitors as they dry-mopped the dusty floor, urging them to race one another with their mops. They seldom did. Spoil sports.

At half-time my mood soured when the public address fellow announced that the smoking lamp was lit. In seconds, Ahearn was enveloped in cigarette smoke, made worse



*Ahearn Field House, interior view before setting up for a game, Courtesy Riley County Historical Society/Manhattan Mercury*

To fortify us before games, Mom served veggie soup or chili. I recall the veggie soup was made with crumbles of hamburger. Pair hot soup or chili with Kraft Roka blue cheese spread on crispy saltines, add a stick or two of crunchy celery crammed with Roka, and add sour-cherry pie for good measure... Well, we’re talking real food, folks.

Walking on ice against a north wind is the pits, but the Chappells managed it by shuffling our feet and hanging on to another’s elbow. Our goal was to see some great Jack Gardner- or Tex Winter-coached teams. The payoff generally was victory and I mean by 20 or more points. We only suffered when we lost, a rare occasion in

nuts, led in volume by none other than Bill Aye whose bald head looked like it came right out of a lobster pot.

Less vociferous were neighboring fans Chet Brewer and son Bob and their wives. I liked all of the Brewers. Bought my first car from Bob. Cashed in my War Bonds and paid cold cash for that sucker: ’62 Bel Air. Best car I ever had. Never should’ve traded her in on that lousy ’68 Impala with the rotten carburetor.

In any event, my eyes were glued not on Bill Aye’s head so much as on this busty blonde cheerleader who lived down the street from us in the Tri Delta sorority. She bounded on that raised hardwood court and raced like the wind, arms swinging like two purple pendulums. Her white pleated skirt shimmied like a bowlful of

by dust kicked up by fans scurrying over the dirt and sawdust floor to the bathrooms and concession stands.

In fact, the smog was so bad that the ushers cranked open the east and west windows in Ahearn. That did the trick all right but the cost was freezing air creeping down one’s sweaty neck.

We had the wind at our backs on our walks home from Ahearn. It practically skated us along the icy sidewalk on the west side of seedy old Memorial Stadium. By the time we got to the Tri Delta house there on Laramie, Mom and Sister Kay had dibs on our two bathrooms. That left Dad and me no alternative but to hide behind the sycamore in our shadowy front yard and write our names in the snow.

*Your Letters cont. from page 4*

“Thanks to Janet Duncan and Don Slater for getting the senior bench put in the MHS Alumni museum. I have classmates who will be happy to see it. Perhaps we can “loan” it out to reunion committees and they can have fun with it at their reunions. I know there are lots of stories that go along with the “cleaning” of the Indian on the floor. I do well remember my sophomore year learning not to step on the Indian. There were

always senior boys sitting on the bench between classes keeping a very close eye on everyone walking by to make sure they did not touch any tiny remote part of the Indian.

“Today I wish I could listen to all the stories of their antics while sitting on that bench”

**Mary (McMannis) Stamey '81**



*1957/1958, the 1st Sr. boys to use the bench. The original position of the Sr Bench: the Lobby in front of the Auditorium*

# Superintendent's Advisory Committee

by Janet Duncan, MHSAA Liaison

From February through May the dominant theme was "Ideas for Reducing District Expenditures." With the financial difficulty at the State level, Dr. Shannon had directed District staff to find 10% discretionary spending. Everything was considered, from rerouting buses to ensure they ran full to eliminating District-purchased cookies at meetings. Dr Shannon explained the District program where each building works to save electricity, the savings used for supplies for that school. The Council discussed additional ideas, ranging from awards to student teams for money-saving ideas and the pros and cons of a District-central copy center, to increasing school fees, not holding high school graduation, or adopting a four-day school week.

The other continuing issue during the semester was the \$97.5 million Bond issue for expansion and remodeling of schools throughout the District. The information known now pertaining to MHS is at the end of the article.

By request, the Gifted Program, which was perceived to be not equally good at all levels, in the District was discussed. MHS, in particular, seemed to provide an uneven program of gifted guidance. The question was asked whether MHS could use KSU more by setting up partnership programs between gifted students and KSU professor-mentors. An MHS Science teacher mentioned a current apprenticeship program he coordinates where students do research work at KSU and achieve high levels of success. Teachers on the Council made the observations that Middle School students do not like to be singled out and at USD 383 the Gifted Program includes both students who are 'gifted' because of their natural ability and also those who are high achievers because of their conscientious effort. A Parent Advocacy Group for the Gifted Program was suggested by the parent concerned.

Parent Teacher conferences were discussed. The usual March date was moved this year to February. There were pros and cons. Waiting until March gave more information about the student, while reporting in February gave more time for correction. In February, information about opportunities such as Summer School was not yet available.

Dr Shannon explained USD 383's new Central Enrollment: all children in a family can now be enrolled in all their respective schools from one building.

The question of how Activities at MHS are funded was asked. For sports, Dr. Shannon explained, coaches' salaries and transportation costs are paid by the District, with supplies and equipment supplemented by support groups (the Booster Club, etc.) Other groups, such as music, depend even more on personal fund

raising, volunteers and donations.

The District has a new "Animals in School" Policy, essentially saying that animals or plants may be brought to school for instructional purposes with the prior approval of the principal. A discussion about how best to handle the case when a child brings an animal to class without first getting permission was inconclusive.

Another requested topic was the Special Education Program for the District. Especially at the high school level, the program is cramped for space and the parent in question found few MHS teachers attended the Special Ed student's parent-teacher conferences. With the great range of Special Ed needs, there is simply no room for adequate facilities in the current MHS building. Dr Shannon saw this as one of the corrections that can be made with the remodeling/new construction soon to begin. The MHS teachers on the council explained that if they missed a conference, it was because they had a regularly scheduled class to teach at that same time. Space and communication seemed difficult problems for this growing classroom need.

## CONSTRUCTION NOTES

from [www.usd383.org](http://www.usd383.org)

### Manhattan High School East Campus

901 Poyntz Ave. Grade: 9

Original Construction Date: 1913

Original Square Feet: 50,531

Current Square Feet: 153,943

Additions: 1917, 1924, 1962, 1966, 1978

Enrollment Jan. 20, 2009: 412 School

Construction Improvements \$4.2 Million

Architects: Bruce McMillan

#### Building Security Improvements

- New classroom and exterior door, locks and alarm system

- Air Conditioning System in the Cafeteria

- Heating and Air Conditioning System in the Gymnasium

- Building Security Improvements - new classroom and exterior door locks and alarm system

- Exterior Painting and Masonry Wall Repairs

- Restroom Improvements

- Interior Painting

- Window Replacement

- Friable Asbestos Removal

- Locker Room Renovations

- Building Code Improvements to meet current codes, fire sprinkler systems, emergency lighting

- Fire Alarm System Replacement, alarm will sound at fire station

- Technology Infrastructure, installation of wiring behind the walls to handle increased technology for student use

Estimated Time line

- Design July 2010 - January 2011
- Permit Review Dec. 2010-Feb 2011
- Bid Project Jan - Feb 2011
- Award Contracts February 2011
- Construction Feb. -July 2011
- Finished August 2011

### Manhattan High School West Campus

2100 Poyntz Ave. Grades: 10 - 12

Original Construction Date: 1957

Original Square Feet: 125,250

Current Square Feet: 231,850

Additions: 1963, 1978, 1993

Enrollment Jan. 20, 2009: 1,286

Architects: Gould Evans

Construction Improvements: \$42.4mill.

- Addition of 14 classrooms
- Phase One Central Heating/Air Cond. System
- Building Security Improvements: classroom and exterior door locks and alarm system
- Window Replacement for energy efficiency
- Friable Asbestos Removal
- Exterior Painting and Masonry Joint Sealants, Restoration, and Cleaning
- Exterior Grading/Drainage
- Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement
- Storage area for Drama/Dance, Cafeteria Tables and Custodial Supplies
- Roof Replacement
- New Classroom Furnishings
- Cafeteria Renovation and Enlargement, to seat approximately 400 students

- Restroom Improvements - new and upgrade current at MHSW and Bishop Stadium

- Locker Room Renovations at MHSW and Bishop Stadium

- Interior Painting and Wall Repairs

- Intercom System Improvement

- Light Fixture Replacement for efficiency

- Plumbing System Replacement

- Boiler System Replacement for efficiency

- Building Code Improvements: fire sprinkler systems, emergency lighting

- Fire Alarm System Replacement: alarm to sound at fire station

- Technology Infrastructure: install wiring behind walls for increased technology use.

Estimated Timeline:

Design Sept. 2009 - Oct. 2010

Permit Review Sept. - Nov. 2010

Bid Project Oct. - Nov. 2010

Award Contracts Nov. - Dec. 2010

Construction February 2011 - 2013

Finished August 2013

*Your Letters cont from page 4*

“I just finished reading every word of the Winter 2008 edition. Very impressive. (Clementine Paddleford sounds like a live-wire character.) For an “honorary member,” the information really helps me better know the district and community through the history.

Much thanks to you for all the work!”

**Bob Shannon (Superintendent USD 383)**

# MHS Today

by Barbara (MacFarlane) Howe '58

Compiled from  
the mentor  
spring issues 2009

## SEMESTER GRADUATION

Eric Ross, Senior Academic Counselor, said the number of students graduating early remains relatively unchanged at 35-40 students. This year approximately 35 students will not return for the Spring semester.

## NEW JOURNALISM TEACHER

Jill Trenor, who married Will Trenor during the winter break, left at semester break due to her husband being stationed in Hawaii. The new journalism teacher is Brendan Praeger, a recent graduate of K-State.

## THESPIANS PERFORM

Students involved with the musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," as well as members of the MHS Thespian Club and One-Act Plays, attended the Thespian State Conference in Wichita. The conference was held January 8 to January 11. The MHS musical was one of four major shows that went to Wichita.

## STUDENTS WITNESS INAGURATION

On January 20, when President Barack Obama was sworn into office, three MHS students were there in the Capital to witness it. Senior Alex Noblett, sophomores Claire Tolentino and Nate Biller were invited by the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference to attend the Presidential Youth Inauguration Conference.

## MHS FORENSICS TEAM

Three members of the MHS Forensic Team qualified for the State Forensics Tournament.

## END OF AN ERA

MHS Football Coach, Butch Albright, announced his resignation from the head coach position. Albright had been the head coach for 11 seasons and led the Indians to two State championship games during the 2000 and 2001 seasons. He had been a coach at the high school and junior high levels for 36 years. MHS principal Terry McCarty said Albright leaves behind a legacy that can't be matched.

However, a bit of a controversy arose over Coach Albright's resignation. Albright said principal Terry McCarty and athletic director Mike Marsh called him into McCarty's office and forced him to resign. Albright said he had planned to remain the coach for another season. When he announced his resignation, Albright said the main reason was personal health.

## NEW FOOTBALL COACH NAMED

The MHS football program has hired Joe Schartz, the Indians offensive coordinator and gym teacher at the East Campus to be the new head football coach. Schartz will be entering his sixth year at MHS. He has coached for over ten years. Schartz believes he is ready for the challenge of coaching at one of the biggest high schools in the state.

## LETTERS OF INTENT

Charles Melton, Adam Rogers, and Colton Rohr have each signed Football Letters of Intent. Melton signed with K-State, Rogers with Butler County Community College in El Dorado, KS, and Rohr signed with Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, KS.

## NOTE:

Normally I also report the Spring sports conclusions. However, the Mentors only reported inconclusive sports records, stating "scores not available at print time". This is a first for me to encounter in reporting the activities at MHS. Hopefully this will improve in the fall term.

## Additional info, from KMAN's website

Manhattan High BASEBALL finished 18-4 this past season, Centennial League runner-up, and played in the 6A regional finals. The Indians' top battery was named 6A first team all-state, while five players placed on the All-Centennial first team. Pitcher Kurt Giller became the first Indian drafted in 15 years when the Toronto Blue Jays pegged him in the 21st round but he signed a scholarship offer to play at Nebraska. Catcher Blair DeBord has signed a scholarship offer with K-State, according to the Manhattan Mercury.

Manhattan High SOFTBALL reached the 6A regional finals. The Indians placed three players each on the All-Centennial League first and second team.

Former MHS WRESTLING standout Jeff Vesta finished 44-2 this past season, finishing as state runner-up for the second straight time. He will attend Neosho Community College.

MHS BOYS GOLF finished 6th at the 6A State golf meet.

Catherine Carmichael, named to the 6A All-State 2nd team, led Manhattan High GIRLS BASKETBALL to 14 wins and a substate finals appearance this season.

Jackie Carmichael, former MHS standout who led the 2008 Indians to its first boys state basketball tournament in 12 years, recently committed to play at Illinois State.

## From USD 383's Website

Congratulations to the MHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD Team that placed 3rd in the State of Kansas competition, large school division, and 5th overall.

Congratulations to the five MHS NATIONAL MERIT Finalists!

MHS had 59 students who earned AP SCHOLAR Awards.

MHS students scored 2.5 points above the national average on the ACT.

# MHSAA Museum Thanks You

Don Slater '57 Committee Chair

The following MHSAA Members and friends have generously donated items to enlarge our collection.

BILL JOHNSTON '52 donated books written by internationally known sculptor and artist, Tal Streeter, MHS 1952: *A Kite Journey Through India*, and *The Philosopher's Kite*.

JIM RHINE '43 donated pep memorabilia which belonged to his daughter, Carol Rhine, MHS 1971—a nice way to share her memory with classmates and friends.

MARY ELLEN BARKLEY, President of MHS' Performing Arts Support Group, has donated five large scrapbooks covering MHS Performing Arts for 1986/'87, '98/'99, '99/'00 '00/'01, '03/'04. These are terrific! Sit on the Senior Bench and have a look!

CHARLES HEDINGER'S Blue M, Senior M, his physics textbook, notebook and other 1934 texts were donated by Bernice Hedinger, along with a 1934 Commencement program and other miscellaneous materials.

The parents of WENDY TUBACH MICHAELS, MHS 1978, donated wooden clothespin band figures which Wendy made as an MHS student.

## INFORMATION WANTED

Don Pady '54 has generously agreed to compile information about the deaths of MHS teachers if he is sent names and places. A notebook will be kept in the MHSAA Museum with everything compiled. Contact DSPady1@aol.com

## Your Letters cont. from page 4

the luckiest person he knew. I asked him to explain and he went on to say that if I focused I could make much better grades and probably go much further in life than I had imagined. Those few words changed my life. Many of the achievements that I have made were because of a meeting in the hall of MHS. Duane Gregg's encouragement allowed me to set my goals much higher than I would have. He really opened my eyes to what was possible."

**Steve Johnson '63"**

*Editor: Steve retired from the PepsiCo organization as a VP and then took the position as President/COO of Tucker Rocky, a large distribution company in the power sports industry.*

"Thank you for featuring Clementine Paddleford. I will re-read that with pleasure. My mother's friend, Helen Hostetter, was a huge fan of Clementine, and my Dad gave me a copy of *A Flower for My Mother*.

"I also have a memory of Craig Chappell on a train ride in 1959 or 1960. He nearly missed his stop!"

**Anne (Hastings) Johnson '58**

# Wall of Fame Ceremony

January 2009

## Acceptance remarks

MHSAA President David Fiser '57 and MHS Principal Terry McCarty presented the awards. Dan Hall '70, at the microphone, introduced each guest and read the plaque biographies.

**Clementine Paddleford MHS 1917**, was represented by her cousins, Mary Jo Hageman, Joan Blakely and Bonnie DeVore. Mary Jo Hageman accepted the plaque.

**Earl Woods MHS 1949**, was represented by Don Slater '57. Woods' son, Tiger Woods, sent a letter to Wall of Fame committee member Ned Seaton which Dan Hall read:

“Dear Mr. (*Ned*) Seaton (*MHSAA Wall of Fame*),

“Thank you very much for your recent letter and on behalf of me and my family I would like to thank you for honoring my father with induction into the Manhattan High School “wall of fame.” It is indeed an honor that I know he would be proud to receive.

“Due to extensive rehabilitation on my knee and numerous long-term sponsor commitments, I am unable to attend and cannot commit to any dates at this time.

“Thank you again for selecting my dad. I know it will be a rewarding and moving ceremony for the three other inductees and the students that are present.

“Please give everyone there my very best.

“Sincerely, Tiger Woods”

Don Slater spoke to the crowd:

“On behalf of Earl’s kids, Earl Woods, Jr., Kevin Woods, Royce Woods and Tiger Woods, they asked me to accept this for their father and everything that could happen did happen because some of them were planning on being here. And I can announce this: Tiger is still going to be here sometime this year. The rest of the kids will be here also. They said ---- is well and to thank you; they appreciate it very much.

“Don’t confuse me with Earl Woods. I’m no kin to him. The only thing, I still admire him for is he taught me a little history: he was the 1st person to hit me upside the head! (*laughter*.)”

**Thomas Romig, MHS 1966** accepted his award. Dean Romig spoke:

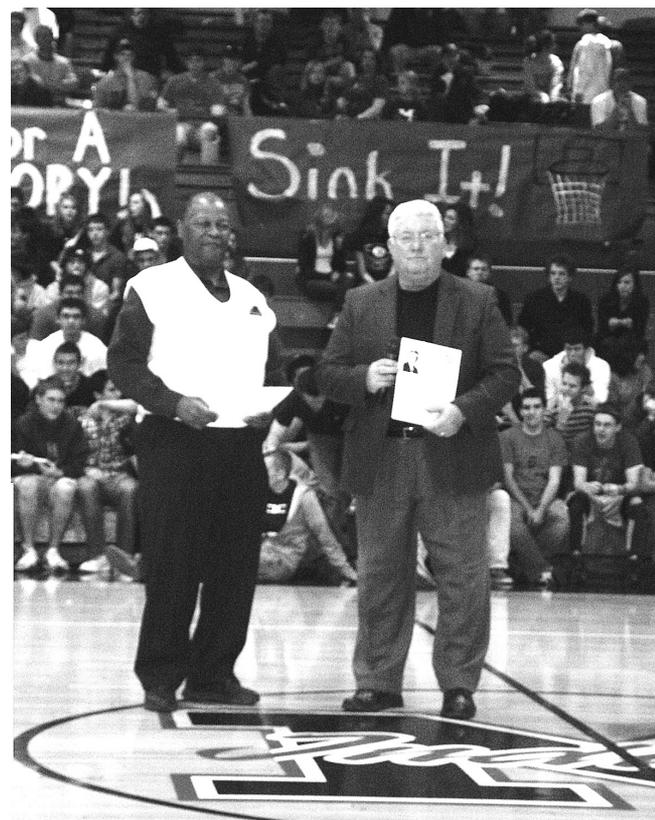
“Thank you very much. This is quite an honor for me. I was fortunate throughout my professional career to have received some honors and awards, both as an army officer and as a lawyer, and each one of those I appreciated very much in their own way. But I will tell you that none of them means as much to me as this, as this does, because it was here at Manhattan High that many of the values that were so important to me later in life were either formulated or reinforced while I was a student.

“I made a number of good friends while I was here and those friendships have lasted the test of time. And probably most important while I was a student here, I met and began dating Pam Shilling who is now my wife. And we’ve been married for 37 years.

“Manhattan High means an awful lot to me. I thank you a lot for this. I want to wish all of you back here (*to the students*) good luck. And look for those opportunities in life that are out there. Don’t be afraid to go for them.”

**Michael J. Silva, MHS 1974** accepted his award. General Silva spoke:

“I’m last because I’m the youngest. I just want to say thanks to my parents and sister for being here; thanks to the Committee for the selection;

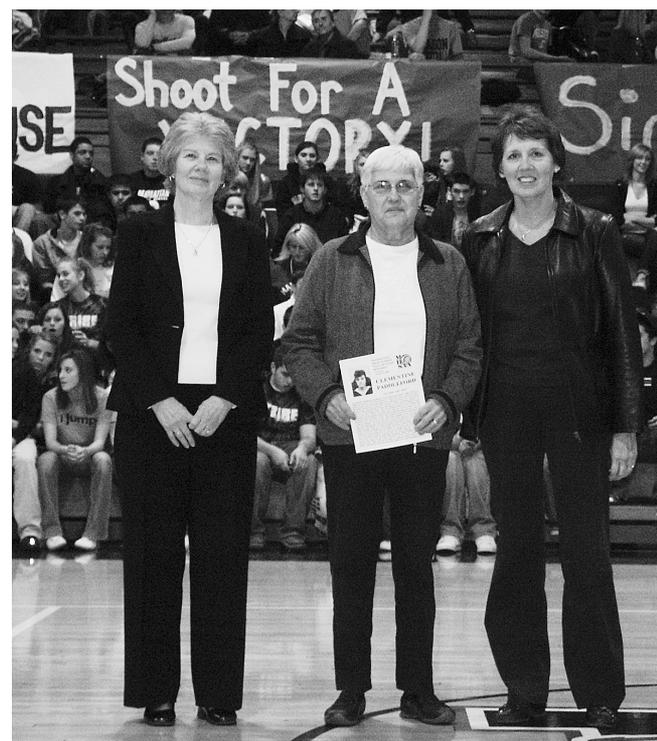


*Don Slater '57, left, accepts the plaque for Earl Woods.*

thanks to Roger & Doris Brannon, who were my brother and my debate coach at Manhattan High. And thanks to my classmates who showed up, the Class of 1974.

(*Turning to the student section*) “To the Indians in the audience: it’s been 35 years since I was in this gym. It’s been a long time. It hasn’t changed (*aside to a student*) you’re right. (*laughter*) Hey - that last game was really pretty awesome and you know there’s a bunch of us old folks in here; that was enough to give us a heart attack. Let’s hope the boys have a bigger margin.

“All right, let’s GO INDIANS!”



*Bonnie DeVore, Mary Jo Hageman and Joan Blakely accept the Award for Clementine Paddleford*