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The Victoria High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Heat up the vittles and tune up the fiddle, there's gonna be a shindig tonight *(well, maybe not tonight, but soon)*

If Granny were hostin' the shindig, she'd probably conger up a mess of vittles, includin' possum and grits, and use her best long "serving sticks" as she seated us around her nice, green felt table--pool that is. After we'd done et, Jed would entertain by playin' a high-steppin', fast-paced hoedown on his fiddle. And with Jethro doin' the cipherin', the cost of the evenin' would probably come to "naught".

Well, don't fret. The Entertainment Committee has assured us we won't have to eat roadkill or anything similar at this year's Alumni Banquet. No, they have planned a sumptuous meal of....but, of course, we are getting ahead of ourselves.

### Association Offers Lifetime Membership

The Victoria High School Alumni Association has been in existence now three years and with longevity comes fine tuning and experience. Therefore, the Board of Directors have authorized the option to pay your dues as a lifetime member or on an annual basis which is how we have collected membership dues thus far. As a result of this new policy, it is important that you review the label that is printed on the newsletter each publication for your expiration date. This expiration date will inform you as to the year your renewal dues are to be paid. Therefore, if your expiration date states lifetime or honorary, then you are not required

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First, we should mention that the 1996 Victoria High School Homecoming activities will begin with a parade at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, October 11. Following the parade, the Alumni Association will give tours of the school, a popular feature the last two years, and the VIP will sponsor their annual Tailgate Party before the start of the football game. The Victoria Knights will take the field at 7:30 p.m. vying for a victory over Trego-Wakeeney.

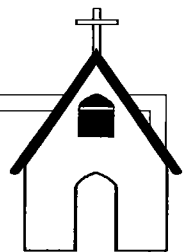
Alumni Association members can then gather for a social at the Victoria Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street. Refreshments will be provided.

To start the day off right on Saturday, alumni can attend a 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Fidelis Church. The service will be a memorial to alumni who have died. Those who attended last year's Memorial

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### Let us know...

There will be a Memorial Mass said in honor of all deceased alumni of Victoria High School on Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Marge Rome('58) to ensure that deceased members of your class are remembered.



## Victoria High School Alumni Association

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### COMMITTEES

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#### **Entertainment**

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Kathy Kuhn ('68)  
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#### **Newsletter**

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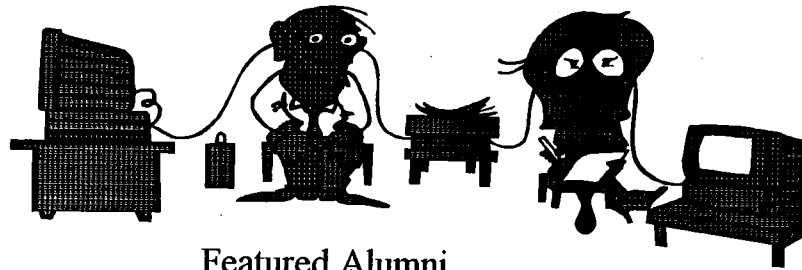
#### **Scholarship**

Regis VonLintel ('62)  
Wanda Karlin ('76)  
Gerard Wellbrock ('86)  
Mandy Sander ('94)  
Stacey Schmidtberger ('94)  
Chris Sander ('94)

The established committees often have the help of others not listed above depending on the need.

You are encouraged to contact any of the officers, directors, or committee members with comments or suggestions concerning the VHS Alumni Association or send correspondence to P.O. Box 386, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

**Membership means ownership. Have pride in your Association.**



Featured Alumni

**Let's  
Brag  
It  
Up!**

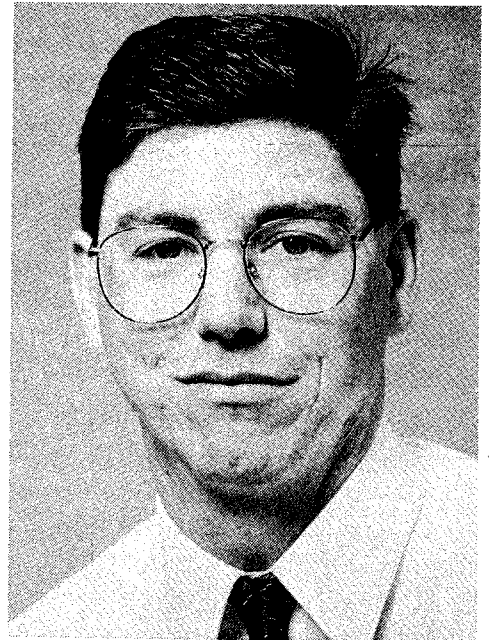
## Gerard Wellbrock: Sportscaster of the Year

Gerard Wellbrock ('86) received the Oscar Stauffer Award for excellence in sportscasting. This award is presented annually by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Gerard was given the award March 6, 1996 at the Class 5A State Basketball Tournament at the Expocentre in Topeka.

Majoring in communications with a radio-TV emphasis, Gerard graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1990. After graduating he worked at KKAN/KQMA in Phillipsburg. In August 1992, he moved to Hays and began working at KAYS radio. Gerard does play-by-play football and basketball games for Hays High School and Thomas More Prep-Marion High School. He also is the color commentator for football and basketball at FHSU.

Gerard has wanted to do play-by play ever since he can remember listening to Bob Davis, then of KAYS, while growing up. This distinguished award has been in existence since 1975 when Bob Davis was the first winner.

If you know of an accomplishment of an alumni, please send us their story for publication.



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## ***And BJNGO was the game, O!***

They'll be calling out letters during Victoria's 14th annual Herzogfest celebration to be held Saturday, August 10, in the W.J. "Honey" Braun Park. That's B, I, N, G, and O.

The Victoria Alumni Association will sponsor the Bingo booth again this year; however, some changes are planned from last year's Bingo.

The Alumni Board of Directors has been assured that the sound system will work much better this year than last, so Bingo players will have little problem hearing the winning numbers being called.

Also, the Board has decided to pay out bigger pots. Winners will split 50 percent of the money collected for each of the games played. Cards will cost 50 cents each. There will be several sessions of Bingo scheduled throughout the day of Herzogfest.

Profits made on the Bingo will be used towards expenses incurred by the Alumni Association such as costs for printing the bi-annual newsletter, the scholarships awarded to graduating seniors, and the annual alumni banquet and dance.

## **Class of '69 Starts Trend ???**

The support of the graduating classes from VHS have been strong for the Association. However, the class of 1969 gave a special supportive gift to the Association during this past year.

After deciding that they were no longer in need of a general fund for their class reunions, this class gave the Association the remaining \$61.02 of their class account to be used toward the Scholarship Fund.

As a result, the Association was honored that this class looked to the Association as a worthy recipient for their funds and we hope that if other classes are faced with the same dilemma, that they too will look to the Association as a worthy recipient.

## **C HATTER B ox**

Claustrophobia strikes 12 members of the Class of '74 when they get stuck in an elevator and gasp for breath during a senior weekend sponsored by Fort Hays Kansas State College. Luckily, Dave Pfeifer was present and able to push the alarm button which eventually led to the doors opening and the Victoria seniors regaining their composure.....Wheat trucks line up along Main Street as harvest gets underway in June.....Teri ('74) and Dave Brantley sell Main Street Cafe.....Is Victoria getting a new Post Office?.....Is Einstein really dead? Ask Colleen Billinger ('91) if she missed the funeral. And while you are at it, ask her what her married name is....

## Heat up the vittles...

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Mass were inspired by the reading of their deceased classmates names as candles were lit in their memory.

The annual Alumni Association business meeting will be conducted in the Victoria Elementary School Cafeteria following Mass. New Board members will be voted upon and the various Association committees will report on their activities. The financial status and future goals will also be expounded upon. Members can partake of a light luncheon to be served during the business meeting.

That brings us to the evening festivities. This year the Entertainment Committee settled on The Fanchon on Highway 40 in Hays for the night's fun. Starting at 5:00 p.m., alumni can catch up on old times with other classmates and friends during the Social Hour (and a Half).

Come 6:30, everyone can feast their eyes on and sink their teeth into some delicious food. The menu will consist of chicken, roast, potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, bread, and cake. A program will follow with Rich Billinger serving as master of ceremonies. As an incentive to attend, \$100 will be given at the banquet to the class with the highest percent of attendance between the five and fifty year reunion classes in increments of five years. A trophy will also be awarded to this winning class.

Dr. Ken Charles will deejay the dance beginning at 8:30 p.m. with the last song being played at 12:30 a.m.

Come on out and have a grand old time. As Granny would sing, "We've got joy, joy, joy, joy down in our hearts, down in our hearts to stay!"

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### Homecoming Schedule

#### October 11—

4:45 p.m. - Homecoming Parade  
Following Parade - School Tours and VIP Tailgate Party  
7:30 p.m. - Football Game (Victoria vs Trego-Wakeeney)  
Following Game - Alumni Association Social at K of C Hall

#### October 12 --

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Mass  
11:00 a.m. approx. - Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon at Grade School  
5:00 p.m. - Social at Fanchon, Hays  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - Dance

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Published semi-annually in February and in August

#### Newsletter Committee

Pat Schmidtberger ('82)  
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The goal of this newsletter is to inform our fellow alumni of Alumni Association events and business. We also hope to be a resource for all alumni to publish personal occurrences of interest to the membership of the VHS Alumni Association, such as marriages, deaths, births, career accomplishments, etc.

We will use this newsletter as an outlet for stories concerning our alma mater.

We appreciate any information that refers to graduates of Victoria High School and encourage you to contact us.

Call a member of the Newsletter Committee  
or send your information to:  
**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**  
Box 386, Victoria, Kansas 67671

We reserve the right to edit or deny any articles.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

#### **Aug. 1 --**

7:30 p.m. -- Alumni Assn. Board Meeting at Grade School (all alumni welcome)

#### **Aug. 10 --**

Herzogfest--Alumni Assn. Bingo Booth

#### **Aug. 16 --**

First day of school

#### **Oct. 11 --**

Homecoming

#### **Oct. 12 --**

Alumni Homecoming Activities

#### **Jan. 1 —**

Deadline for Newsletter articles



# Industrial Technology Club

## Guy-Gal competition sparks club creation

With an organization at VHS that has only female membership, the guys decided they wanted to belong to a club similar to Future Homemakers of America. This is how the Victoria Industrial Technology Club (VITC) got its start during the 1994-1995 school year. Although mostly guys belong to the club, some girls do as well. This organization is open to anyone at VHS.

Each member is responsible for putting in shop hours to complete projects the club is working on. Some of the projects VITC completed this year were the construction of a new jungle gym for the grade school playground and making backdrops for grade school programs. Jeff Ruder ('96) and Bobbi Brantley ('96) both members of VITC helped draft and design the plans for a fitness trail that will be set up in Victoria. Signs explaining each station and who donated money towards its purchase were also built by members of VITC.

To reward the hard work of the members, those that completed a specific number of hours in the shop went with sponsor Bruce Engel to a paintball field for paint combat. Former president Eric Pfeifer ('96) said it was nice to do something fun after working hard. He also mentioned that he was glad there was finally a club for the guys.

### Association Offers...

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to pay further dues to the Association. However, donations to the Association are welcome.

To determine your lifetime membership amount, calculate the number of remaining years you have until your 50th graduation anniversary. For example, a graduate of 1962 would have a 50th anniversary year of 2012. This person would then have 16 years remaining until they would become an honorary member. We would then take the 16 years multiplied by the current \$5.00 membership fee to arrive at \$80.00. A 5% discount would apply to this total which gives this person a lifetime membership fee of \$76.00.

If you are interested in a lifetime membership, please contact a Membership Committee member for assistance in calculating your fee amount.

## ASSN. GIVES CERTIFICATES TO SENIORS

Welcome to the 1996 VHS graduates who have become the newest Alumni Association members. To welcome these members to our association, these twenty-five young adults were given certificates at the awards program held this past May. As a result, the seniors were informed of what membership to the Association means and what an honor it is to be a member. Welcome again to these seniors.

# *Class of 1996*

## *Roster*



Welcome to our newest VHS Alumni Association members...the graduating class of 1996:

**John Schulte** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Jason Robben** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Jeffrey Ruder** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Daniel Windholz** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Christopher Sander** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Hubert Linenberger** (North Central Area Vo-Tech School-Hays)  
**Jason Knipp** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Brent Prockish** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Justin Scheck** (North Central Area Vo-Tech School-Hays)  
**John Seitz** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Curtis Wellbrock** (Salina Area Vo-Tech)  
**Dustin Urban** (Kansas State University)  
**Eric Pfeifer** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Wade Stewart** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Amanda Brungardt** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Curt Wagner** (Salina Area Vo-Tech)  
**Angela Wasinger** (U.S. Navy)  
**Shana Schmidtberger** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Jill Pfeifer** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Andrea Dinges** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Bobbi Brantley** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Janea Scheck** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Heather Wittman** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Jenny Klaus** (Fort Hays State University)  
**Cristy Braun** (Barton County Community College/U.S. Navy)

## **Jason and Eric awarded financial assistance**

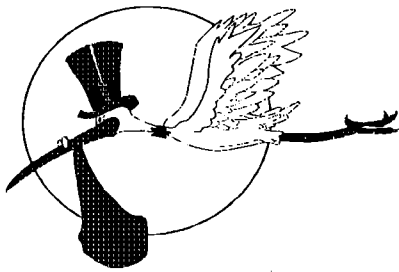
Continuing their commitment to financially assist graduating seniors, the Alumni Association awarded two scholarships this year of \$300.00 a piece. After careful deliberation of all the anonymous applications identified by the applicants social security number, the scholarship committee selected Jason Robben and Eric Pfeifer.

Jason Robben is the son of Norman ('72) & Linda Robben of Walker. Jason plans to attend Fort Hays State University his Freshman year and transfer to Kansas State University majoring in milling science.

Eric Pfeifer is the son of Kenneth ('70) & Diane ('73) Pfeifer of Victoria. Eric plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in communications while participating in the Tigers by the Tail program at FHSU.

Congratulations to both of these worthy recipients and we hope to award more scholarships next year with the help of alumni to build our Scholarship Fund.





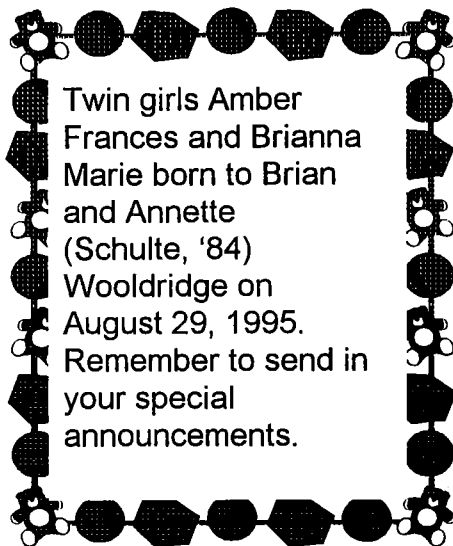
## Three Classes Honored

Quick! Which math genius out there can tell us which VHS classes will be celebrating their 10, 25, or 50 year reunion this year?

Sorry, too late. We'll have to give you the answer. It is the Classes of 1986, 1971, and 1946.

During the Victoria High School Homecoming celebration each year, the Alumni Association gives special recognition to those classes out of school for 10, 25, or 50 years. Members of the Class of 1946 will also become honorary members of the Alumni Association after this year--meaning they can enjoy the Association activities in the future without paying the annual dues.

Representatives of each of the above classes said members plan to celebrate their reunions by attending the festivities arranged by the Association. They will participate in the Homecoming parade on Friday, October 11, if possible, and attend the banquet and dance on Saturday, October 12.



Twin girls Amber Frances and Brianna Marie born to Brian and Annette (Schulte, '84) Wooldridge on August 29, 1995. Remember to send in your special announcements.

## Terms for Membership

All graduates or non-graduates who have attended Victoria High School are eligible for membership in the Victoria High School Alumni Association. Graduating seniors will have automatic membership for one year. Terms will run from September 1 through August 31. A membership drive will be held in August of each year. Those interested should fill out a membership form. (A form will be mailed in August of each year.) Membership dues are \$5.00 per year per member. Dues received after August 1 will be applied to the next membership year. The membership form and dues should be sent to:

**VHS Alumni Association  
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Victoria, Kansas 67671**

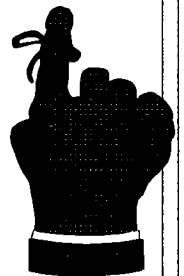
Alumni Association members will receive a copy of **The Next Page** twice a year in February and in August. Non-members will receive only the August issue. Members will also be able to attend all the Alumni Association Homecoming activities.

The VHS Alumni Association was established to foster the growth of fellowship of all graduates. Its goal is to provide activities for the alumni of Victoria High School.

## A REMINDER.....

This newsletter is a resource for all alumni to publish personal occurrences of interest to the membership of the VHS Alumni Association, such as marriages, deaths, births, career accomplishments, etc.

Please forward your stories to the Newsletter Committee. See page 4 for committee members and address.



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### HOMEcoming 1996 RESERVATION FORM

Reservation deadline is October 4, 1996

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending the business luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending the Banquet and the Dance.

Graduating  
 Class

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Is Spouse/Guest also a member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15.00 per person)

Please return this form or copy to:  
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If you have not paid your membership fee for 1996-97, complete the postcard enclosed and return it to the above address.