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1997 Homecoming Friday, September 19 & Saturday, September 20

HONORING

Former teachers and administrators

And

The 50-Year Class of 1947

And

The 25-Year Class of 1972

And

The 10-Year Class of 1987

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

5 year increment classes

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 10

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 19, 1997:

10:00 a.m.	1st Annual VHS Scholarship Golf Tournament Victoria Golf Course
2:00 p.m.	Registration at K of C Hall
4:45 p.m.	Homecoming Parade leaves VHS
5:30 p.m.	VIP tailgate at football field and tours through school.
7:30 p.m.	Football game - Knights vs. Plainville Cardinals
9:30 p.m.	(Or immediately after the game) Social at K of C

Saturday, September 20, 1997:

10:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass, St. Fidelis Church
11:00 a.m.	Luncheon and business meeting, Grade School
5:00 p.m.	Social and banquet, American Legion
9:00 p.m.	Dance

HOMECOMING UPDATE

NO MORE CLASSES;
NO MORE BOOKS;
NO MORE TEACHERS' DIRTY LOOKS!

That was one of your mottoes when you graduated from VHS. However, you may be able to relive those teachers' dirty looks if you attend the 1997 homecoming activities. This year former and present teachers of VHS will be honored at the festivities, thus enhancing a memorable occasion for all those that attend.

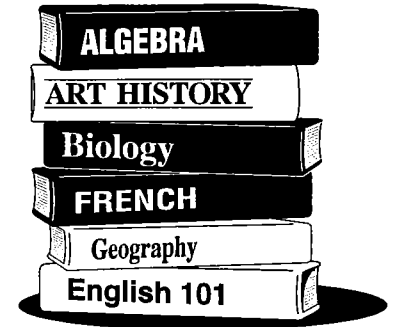
Some of the early responses we have received from our honored guests who will help make this a great weekend are: **Al Riedel, Jack Rheem, Pat O'Brien, Tony "Red" Pfeifer, Ray Schulte, Perk Reitemeier, Fred Cottrell, Frank Windholz, Benny Schulte, Jerry Brungardt, Eric Austin, Carla Pruitt, Donna Fleischacker, Richard Henderson, Joyce Sack, Gene Dreiling, Norma Keenan, Tom Jensen, Mary Kay Schippers, Kathalie Hoffman, Lisa Colwell and James Pfanenstiel.**

Won't it be great to see these teachers again? There are still many others that have yet to give their response to the invitation that was mailed to them, so the list will grow.

The board of directors voted to accept former and present faculty as associate members of our alumni association. By paying dues, they will also be able to attend activities and receive the newsletters.

NOTICE: New this year - Golf tournament for guys and gals. Homecoming T-shirts will be available.

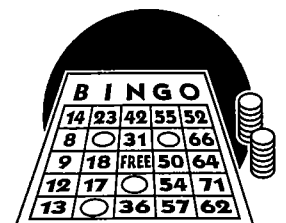
As you can tell by our schedule of events, this looks like it is going to be one great weekend. Just imagine, you will be able to once again hassle your favorite teachers and renew old acquaintances. Make plans now to attend the festivities on September 19 - 20. **We are asking you to return your reservation no later than September 10.**



Board Briefs

Another school year has come to an end and a group of twenty-nine individuals will enter the world outside the realms of Victoria High School. They are the 1997 graduating class and they are also the newest members of the alumni association. To welcome them, the alumni association hosted an end-of-the-year BBQ at which time the seniors were presented with a certificate entitling them to a one year membership. They were also briefed on the goals and accomplishments of our organization. We wish them success in their plans for the future and we welcome them.

The VHS Alumni Association sponsored bingo at the 15th annual Herzogfest celebration held Saturday, August 16, in the W.J. "Honey" Braun Park. There were several sessions of bingo scheduled throughout the day. The cost per card was 50 cents and the winners split 50 per cent of the money collected for each game. Profits made on the bingo will be put into the general fund.



The 1st Annual VHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday, September 19, 1997

High School Golf Course

Victoria, Kansas

Shotgun Start @ 10:00 a.m.

Prizes Awarded to 1st - 2nd - 3rd place & Longest Drive

*****ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10*****

Yes, this will be the first annual VHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament. Three of our avid golfing alumni have taken it upon themselves to organize this event. **Allen Dreiling '55, Bernie Roth '45 and Joe Hammerschmidt '43** have graciously volunteered to chair this event.

The Friday of homecoming seemed to be the best time to fit it into the busy weekend schedule. Hopefully, many of you will be able to make plans to participate. The prizes will be awarded at the banquet Saturday evening.

Lunch will be included in your entry fee and will be served from Tom and **Det '58, Younger's** back yard, which is located along the golf course. Tom and a few sidekicks will be your cooks.

A few work sessions will be necessary to get the course in shape. Please be ready to help with this project if you are called. We would also appreciate volunteers. If you would like to help the guys, please contact them at your earliest convenience.

Allen - Home 735-2359 Bernie - 735-9231
Office 735-2261 Joe - 735-2512

Your entry form for the tournament is included with your membership form. Please get it returned by the Sept. 10 deadline.

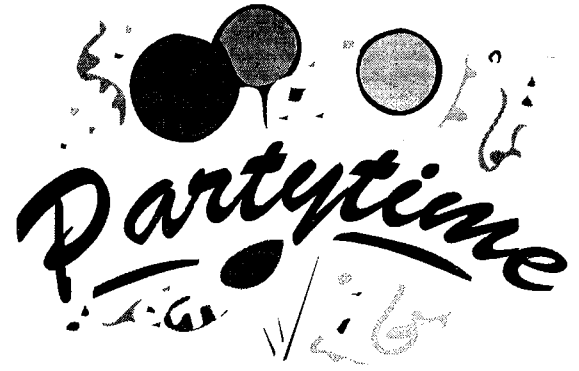
The board of directors are excited about this added event because it will boost our scholarship fund as well as improve the golf course for many of our youth who enjoy using it.

Only your interest and enthusiasm will make this a success and an annual event.



Reunion Time

Many of our alumni are taking advantage of the planned activities of homecoming weekend for their respective class reunions. We would like all of you to know about the classes returning, so if some of these bring back special memories for you, hopefully you will make plans to join us as well. The following classes have made or are in the process of making plans for Sept. 19 -20, 1997.



Class of '47 - 50-year Honor Class. Some of the members of the Class of 47 have been getting together to plan for their 50th reunion. They will congregate at the K of C Hall for registration and then follow the homecoming agenda for the rest of the weekend. Saturday, after the memorial mass, they will have their class luncheon at the K of C Hall. They are encouraging everyone to bring their cameras, memories and those old photos. Be prepared to have a wonderful time. Saturday evening they will be joining us for the banquet and dance.

The **Class of '52** is organized and will join us for their 45th reunion. **Ken Braun, Dale Pfeifer and Liz (Brungardt) Dreiling** have been getting things organized. This class has been very successful in the past and they are again expecting a great turnout.

Class of '57, you've been out of high school 40 years. Some of your classmates are getting together to make some plans for homecoming weekend. Hopefully, you will be hearing from them soon.

Class of '62 - The 35-year class is organized and will be here in full force. They have been faithful with a class reunion every five years since their graduation.

Class of '67, it has been 30 years for you. **Fran (Miller) Robben** and **Alan Hoffman** have picked up a class list and are working on plans for you to get together for a great time. You probably have already received your letter.

Class of '72 - 25-year Honor Class. Hopefully receiving **Louise (Windholz) Schmidtberger's** letter in your last newsletter has made you excited about getting together once again. Dig into those memory books and share some of your VHS Days with us. It's your turn to have the floor. It won't happen for another 25 years. Rumor has it that next years honor class, "Class of '73", is already making plans for their 25th.

Class of '77, how time flies. Have you changed in 20 years? Hope you are planning to join us for homecoming.

Class of '82, it's reunion time. You are our 15-year class. Make plans now for September 19 & 20.

Class of '87 - 10-year Honor Class, This class has been meeting for some time and has received an overwhelming response. They are boasting of almost a 100% response for information needed for a book they are publishing for their classmates, and they plan to join us for all the alumni activities.

Class of '92 is our 5-year class. Take advantage of homecoming weekend and join us for a great time. **Mike Younger, Kristy (Dreiling) Windholz and Karen Dinkel** should be contacting all of you soon.

Alums Making a Difference

Lawrence A. Weigel '35 was given the "Distinguished Service Award" in Calgary, Canada, at the International Convention of Germans from Russia in July of 1995. This is the highest award given to anyone by the International Society. Lawrence and his wife **Elizabeth (Rohleder) Weigel '35** have been married 57 years.

Kari Austin '87 has been named the Legislative Director for Kansas Representative Jerry Moran in Washington, D. C. She is second in command to the Chief of Staff. Her main focus is rural health and foreign affairs. Kari tracks all legislation, especially that which affects Kansas. She also takes calls and letters and helps get things done for her fellow Kansans. Previous to this assignment, she worked for state senator Nancy Kassabaum for approximately three years. Kari is the daughter of Eric Austin, a teacher at VHS, and his wife Pat.

Bob Gross '79 is one of four veteran Coleman employees to be promoted to vice president overseeing the management of product groups. He will be responsible for the financial performance, marketing and new-product development of appliances and fuels. Bob has been with Coleman Co. for 5 years. He and his wife Peg and their two children live in Wichita. Bob is the son of **Rita (Rome) Gross '47**.

James Braun '75 graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy 189th Session on June 20, 1997, in Quantico, VA. He is a police captain for the city of Hays. James and his wife Sandy and their two daughters live in Hays.

Kathy (Billinger) Kuhn '68 was elected president of the 9th district VFW Ladies Auxiliary at the district meeting in April, 1997. She is responsible for overseeing the business and order of meetings throughout the district, which includes fifteen auxiliaries. Kathy was the first president of our alumni association. She and her husband Norman and their two sons live in Victoria.

Beth Brungardt '86 "Sister Mary Electa" pronounced her Religious Profession of Vows as a Passionist Nun in Ellisville, MO, on July 23, 1997, during a Holy Mass celebrated by her uncle Rev. Aloysius Brungardt of the Salina diocese. Family and friends joined in the festivities for Sister's consecration to God and the Church by the Passionist Vows to promote devotion to and grateful remembrance of the Passion and Death of Jesus, Enclosure, Chastity, Poverty and Obedience. Sister Mary Electa welcomes prayer petitions from those in need. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Brungardt. Her address is Sr. Mary Electa, CP;15700 Clayton Rd.; Ellisville, MO 63011.

Class Notes

1920s

Barbara (Sander) Knoll '22 graduated from St. Fidelis High School 75 years ago and is doing well. With a little persuasion, she may join us for our banquet.

1930s

Our 65-year class, which is the Class of '32, has three members; **Felicitus (Dreiling) Dreiling, Eugene Quint** and **Clara (Windholz) VonFeldt**. We extend a special invitation to you to join us for homecoming.

The 60-year class, the Class of '37, has five living members; **Alvina (Schmidtberger) Clapperton, Clarence Lang, Bertha (Dinkel) Prevo, Joseph Rome, and Elmer Schumacher**. Bertha had such a great time at our first homecoming but was disappointed because she was the only representative from her class. Bertha, get your class together for this special occasion.

1940s

Alvin J. "A. J." Linenberger '40 sends greetings from his home in Sun Valley, CA. He enjoyed reading the recent issue of the newsletter and was curious to know about his fellow classmates from the Class of '40. He remembered them being all males and few in number. According to our records, of the nine members, three are deceased, Marcellus Wagner, Frank Wasinger and Anthony "Tony" Lang. A. J. hopes to make a visit to Victoria in the near future to reminisce with his relatives and renew old friendships.

The **Class of '42** is our 55-year class. There are 12 of you. This would be a good time to get reacquainted.

Fred "Fritz" Dreiling and **Edna (Schulte) Dreiling '42** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21, 1997. Their children are Rene, **Rose (Dreiling) Rifford '70, Joel '72, John '79 and Mary '81**. Fritz and Edna were married in Victoria on June 2, 1947. They are both retired and live in Victoria.

Cecil Roth '43 and his wife Minnie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 17, 1997, in Victoria. Their children are **Cecil Jr. '65, Harry '67, Terry '76, and Donna Gartin '71**. They were married January 9, 1947, in Victoria. Cecil and Minnie are still busy on the family farm near Loretta but, they live in Victoria.

Mary Louise "Mary Lou" (Leiker) Hickman '46 writes from Carlsbad, CA, that she now refers to herself as the "Domestic Goddess" instead of that silly title of housewife or homemaker. She feels she deserves this title after being married to her husband Stan, for almost 50 years. Greetings to all of her classmates, but especially to her "kissin' cousin", **Leland Schumacher '46**, her prom date, **Hubert Sanders '46**, and her very best friend, **Hubertine (Weigel) Herbel '46**.

Hilary Dreiling '48 is a retired teacher and school administrator. He and his wife, Florence, now live in Hays. Hilary and three of his classmates met in February, 1997 for a mini reunion. Joining him were **Vern Gene Rajewski '48, Wilfred Sander '48 and John Schippers '48**. Hilary writes, "After about 50 years, we had all changed a bit. We were all still good looking but just a little older!!!!!" (You may draw your own conclusions on the last statement.)

Benny Schulte '49 and his wife **Cora (Braun) Schulte '55** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 22, 1997. Their children are **Kathy Dreiling '76, Kay Werth '79, Mark, Karen Ruder '84 and Bernie '88**. Benny and Cora were married June 10, 1957, in Victoria. Benny is retired and Cora is working part time for KPERS.

1950s

Berniece (Goetz) Bushman '50 wrote to thank all of those responsible for making Homecoming '96 so very enjoyable. She has retired from nursing and has relocated to Sun City in Roseville, CA. She writes that she is enjoying life with the rest of the retirees.

Roselyn (Roth) Schmidt '52 writes that she and her husband, Don, have taken on a new challenge. They have opened an assisted-living facility called Park West Plaza in west Wichita. They have six children and fourteen grandchildren.

Joan (Wagner) Pfeifer '53, a registered nurse, is retiring after 42 years in the medical profession. She is a graduate of Marymount College in Salina. She began her nursing career at St. Anthony Hospital in Hays and will be retiring from St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, LA. Joan is married to **Ken '54**. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. They live in Covington, LA.

Lilly (Brungardt) Kanzlemer '57 has made contact with the alumni association thanks to **Gloria June (Braun) Clark '58** who shared her newsletter with her. Lilly enjoyed reading about so many friends from the past. She attended the Victoria schools until her senior year when her family moved to Hutchinson. We did not have her in our records so we are happy to welcome her to our association as a new member and send a cordial invitation to join her class on their 40th reunion in September. Lilly and her husband, John, live in Titusville, FL.

1960s

Ralph Dinkel '60 and his wife, Pat, will be married 35 years on Aug. 27th. They celebrated their anniversary with their family on a Caribbean Cruise in July. Ralph is a self-employed CPA and they live in Golden, CO.

Lloyd Hammerschmidt '63 and his wife **Cheryl (Schmidtberger) Hammerschmidt '64** have recently relocated from the city to the country near Lawrence. Lloyd will retire in September after 30 years of service as a firefighter.

Robert W. Gerstner '63 and his wife, **Twyla (Stang) Gerstner '63**, have purchased Ruder Tire and Automotive Inc. in Hays. They have been joined in the business by their daughter, **Jacqueline Leiker '86**, and her husband **Alan J. Leiker '81**. The business is named G & L Tire and Automotive Inc. Alan, Jacqueline and their two daughters have relocated to Hays from Wichita.

Donald Dinkel '66 writes that he is a field rep. for Whirlpool Corp. He and his wife live in Littleton, CO. They have four children.

1970s

Patty (Jacobs) Way '70 has joined Bombardier Lear Jet of Wichita as a specialty items administrator. She had previously been with J C Penney for 18 years. She and her husband, Larry, and daughter, Brandi, are living in Wichita.

Stan Younger '77, his wife, Karen, and their two daughters have relocated from Wichita to San Antonio, TX. Stan is a manager for Cessna Service Center. Stan is the son of **Jeanette (Schumacher) Younger '50**.

Norman Scheck '78 and **Pam Braun '80** were married on December 27, 1996, at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Norman is shop foreman for Express Well Service in Victoria and Pam is a technician for Clean-Rite Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial Supplies. They are living in Victoria. Pam is the daughter of **Alfred "Fritz" Braun '56** and his wife, Anita.

Randy Dreiling '79 has accepted the head football coaching position with Hutchinson High School. He has been assistant coach at Salina South the past three years. He is the son of **Verlin Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty.

1980s

Mark Dreiling '81 and his wife, Gin, are the proud parents of a son, Samuel Mark, born June 10, 1997. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. He has two brothers; Vernie, 4, and Zachary, 1, and a sister, Kayce, 3. His paternal grandparents are LaVern and **Patsy (Crawford) Dreiling '56**.

Curt Pfanestiel '83 and his wife, Kim, are the proud parents of a daughter, Brooke Lynn, born July 4, 1997. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. She has a brother, Gus, 6. Curt works for Midwest Energy and Kim is employed by SER of Hays. They live in Victoria.

Troy Schippers '85 and **Geralyn Huser '88** were married May 31, 1997, in Victoria. Troy is an employee of the Gorham State Bank and Geralyn is a surgical nurse at Hays Medical Center. They are living in Victoria. Troys' parents are **Paul Schippers '55** and his wife, Theresa, and Geralyn's parents are **Leon Huser** and **Elsie (Windholz) Huser '64** (deceased).

Theresa (Windholz) Meis '85 and her husband, Paul, announce the arrival of a son, Jacob Adam, born July 10, 1997, at the Hays Medical Center. He weighed 9 lb. 2 1/2 oz. and was 19 in. long. He has a brother Karl, 4. His grandparents are **Allen Windholz '60** and his wife, Eileen, and **Ernie Meis '56** and his wife, Pauline.

Gerard Wellbrock '86 and Tammy Brooks were married June 6, 1997, in Victoria. Gerard is assistant sports director for KAYS Radio and Tammy is an advertising representative at Hays Daily News. They are living in Hays. Gerard's parents are **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

Kim Pfeifer '86 is the proud mother of a daughter, Alexandra Sophia Zuk, born Sept. 19, 1996. Kim is in marketing and sales and lives in Redondo Beach, CA. Alexandra's maternal grandparents are **Dale Pfeifer '52** and **Gladys (Wellbrock) Pfeifer '53**.

(Class Notes Continued from page 7)

Kirk Klein '87 and his wife, Debbie, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexandra Jade Klein, born June 20, 1997. Alexandra weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and was 21 in. long. She has a 3-year old sister, Katie. Kirk and Debbie are living in Sierra Vista, AZ.

Denis Dinkel '87 and **Jody (Meder) Dinkel '87** are the proud parents of a son, Casey Lee, born May 17, 1997. He weighed 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Casey has a 3-year old sister, Kiley. Denis is a patrol officer with the Hays Police Department and Jodi teaches 5th grade at Washington Elementary. They are living in Hays. **Rosie (Braun) Dinkel '60** and **Donny Dinkel '55** (deceased), and Ed and **Lena (Scheck) Meder '56** are Casey's grandparents.

Matt Berens '89 and **Cheryl (Billinger) Berens '89** are the proud parents of a daughter, Tia born May 27, 1997. She weighed 6 1/2 lb. and was 18 in. long. Tia has a 2-year old sister, Jenna. Her grandparents are **Vernon Berens '53** and **Norma (Kuhn) Berens '54**, and **Gilbert Billinger Jr. '63** and **Carol (Stramel) Billinger '65**.

David Younger '89 and his wife Stacy have taken positions with the Atchison Hospital in the physical therapy department. David will also be the certified athletic trainer for several schools in the area. He is the son of Tom and **Det (Roth) Younger '58**.

1990s

Anne (Ruder) Dinkel '90 will be teaching preschool at Victoria Elementary. This is the first year for the program in the Victoria school district. Anne is married to **Craig Dinkel '84** and they have 2 children. She is the daughter of **Allen Ruder '62** and **Mary (Kuhn) Ruder '62**.

Karen Dinkel '92 has accepted a position with Kennedy Middle School in Hays teaching 6th grade math, science and communications. Karen is the daughter of **Rosie (Braun) Dinkel '60** and **Donny Dinkel '55** (deceased).

Scott Sander '92 and Traude Norman were married May 31, 1997, in Manhattan. Scott is a graduate of KSU with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and is a student engineer with Kansas Power and Light. His wife is a student at KSU, studying for her master's degree in food service and hospitality. She is employed by KSU. They are living in Manhattan. Scott is the son of **Sam Sander '60** and **Joyce (Braun) Sander '65**.

Ken Schoenrock '92 and **Amy Scheck '93** were married June 7, 1997, in Victoria. Ken will be doing his student teaching at WaKeeney this fall and Amy will be a senior at FHSU. They are living in Victoria. Amy's parents are **Jim Scheck '73** and **Becky (Schmidtberger) Scheck '73**.

Kara Kuhn '92 and Anthony Shorb were married July 25, 1997, in Victoria. Kara is a service representative for the Social Security Administration in Hays and Anthony graduated from Goodland Vo Tech in July. They are living in Hays. Kara's parents are **Bill Kuhn '61** and his wife, Sheila.

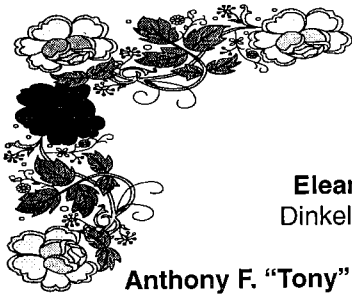
Tiffany Dague '93 and Bill Weber were married June 7, 1997, in Victoria. Tiffany graduated from FHSU in May with a degree in business. Her husband will be teaching math at Colby High School in the fall. They are living in Colby.

Jason Weber '94 and Tammy Leiker were married May 3, 1997, in Munjor. Jason is an aviation maintenance technician at Cessna Aircraft Co. Tammy is an administrative assistant at Key Construction Inc. They are living in Wichita. Jason is the son of **Lavon Weber '58** and **Charlotte (Braun) Weber '65**.

Michael Billinger '94 and Lindsay Ruder exchanged wedding vows June 21, 1997, in Victoria. Mike and Lindsay are employed at Intellisell of Victoria. They live in Hays. Mike's parents are **Bob Billinger '67** and his wife, Marilyn.

Tyson Gottwald '95 and Wendy Pasek were married June 14, 1997, in Wilson. Tyson is employed by Alan Linenberger Construction and Wendy is a student at FHSU majoring in elementary education. They are living in Hays.





IN LOVING MEMORY

Eleanor Dinkel '24 died June 12, 1997, at the Hays Medical Center. She is survived by a brother, Ray Dinkel and a sister, Julia Wagner.

Anthony F. "Tony" Lang '40 died September 14, 1996, at the Halstead Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two sons and two daughters as well as four brothers; Isidore, **Clarence '37, George '42, Ralph '46**. He is survived by two sisters; Leona Walters and **Olivia Pfannenstiel '34**.

Marceline (Rajewski) Denning '42 died February 26, 1997, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, Kansas. She is survived by a daughter and two sons. She is also survived by two brothers; **Howard '46** and **Delando '51** and two sisters; **Juliana Dinkel '43** and **Kathlee Sander '49**. Marceline's father, Leo, was a member of the school board in Victoria for many years.

Sophia Dreiling died May 10, 1997, at the Hays Medical Center. She is survived by five sons; **Marvin '44, Alfred '49, Charles '51, Tom '59, and Jim '62**. She is also survived by four daughters; **Lorraine Bird '43, Lucy Roth '46, Ruth Stephens '55, and Theresa Ellis '57**.

Martha (Baier) Westhusin '51 died Saturday, May 24, 1997, at her home. Her husband, Leo, preceded her in death in 1955. She is survived by a son and a daughter as well as a brother, **Paul '49**, and three sisters; **Mary Klaus '45, Armella Schippers '49, and Alice Erickson '60**.

Robert D. Pancost, husband of **Marjorie (Kuhn) Pancost '52** died of lung cancer June 25, 1996. Marjorie's address is 1238 W. Palo Verde Dr.; Phoenix, AZ, 85013.

Lucy Geist died July 26, 1997, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by a daughter, **Mary Ann Hoffman '52** and was preceded in death by her husband, Anselm W., and a son **William '51**.

Virginia (Denning) Geist '53 died July 13, 1997, at the Hays Medical Center. She is survived by a sister, **Rita Dreiling '48**, and a brother, **Frank Denning '54**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Celestine S. "Celly" Geist.

Alvin Hertel died July 13, 1997, at the Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two daughters; **JoAnn Berens '66** and **Mary Kay Miller '68** and a son, **Ervin '72**.

Steven Lee Hertel, infant son of **Stan Hertel '69** and his wife, Lori, died April 29, 1997 at the Columbia-Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. Stan and Lori's address is 1001 Ash St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

Victoria Rose Pfeifer, infant daughter of **Danny Pfeifer '83** and his wife, Rose, was stillborn Jan. 29, 1997. She is survived by her parents and a sister, Abby, and a brother, Ryan. Danny and Rose live at 2913 Indian Trail; Hays, KS 67601.

Scholarship Recipients

As in the past, the alumni association awarded two \$300.00 scholarships at the 1997 Graduation Ceremony. There were seven anonymous applicants identified only by their social security numbers. After careful consideration, the scholarship committee selected **Hollie Ptacek** and **Christine Robben**.

Hollie is the daughter of Rick and Kim Ptacek of Victoria. After attending the Victoria schools for thirteen years, Hollie reflects "back on the excellent education and innumerable friendships". As a new member of the association, she plans to continue those friendships. Hollie plans to attend KSU and major in accounting.

Christine is the daughter of **Norman '72** and Linda Robben of Walker. Christine also plans to attend KSU for two years to complete general education courses. She will then transfer to Texas A&M at Galveston and major in marine biology with a minor in the research of endangered species. Being a hands-on individual, she hopes to find a job in Texas, Florida, or along the east coast where she can work on a ship or submarine researching animals, instead of working in a lab doing experiments.

Can You Tell Me?

- Question: How often must I pay my membership dues?
Answer: You should pay your dues once a year. Our alumni year runs from homecoming to homecoming.
- Question: I understand I can become a lifetime member of the alumni association. How are lifetime dues figured?
Answer: You can determine the cost of your lifetime membership by counting the years until your 50th reunion. You then multiply that number by \$5 and deduct 5 %.
- Question: Why do we have to pay dues?
Answer: Membership dues are deposited into the general fund for various expenses. Our main expense is the printing and mailing of the newsletter. This cost is approximately \$800 for each mailing.
- Question: What happens when an address is incorrect on a newsletter?
Answer: Sometimes it is returned with the corrected address, but many times it isn't. Then we must search for the new address. Notification of a change of address to the association would be so helpful.
- Question: Some of my classmates only went to VHS for a short time but did not graduate. Can they be members of the alumni association?
Answer: Anyone who attended VHS or St. Fidelis High School can join the alumni association.
- Question: Is there something we could give back to our alma mater other than scholarships that might benefit more of the students?
Answer: Yes, there are a number of things on the VHS wish list.
- Question: Do most alumni only take in the annual homecoming weekend if they are from classes having reunions?
Answer: Absolutely not. Everyone is welcome and the class of '55 always seems to be there in great numbers.
- Question: Do honorary members contribute to the association?
Answer: Honorary members are exempt from paying dues, but a good percentage of them are very generous with their donations to the various funds.
- Question: How do I know if my membership is current?
Answer: Check the label on your newsletter. If it reads Exp. Honorary, Exp. Lifetime, Exp. 98 or beyond you are paid up.
If it reads Exp. 97 or less, you need to pay in September or when you send in your reservation for homecoming.



VHS Alumni

VICTORIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 386
VICTORIA, KS 67671



MEMBERSHIP / HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Graduating Class 19 _____

Maiden Name _____

Spouse/Guest _____ 19 _____

Nongraduate - Class 19 _____ Associate Member _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____

\$10.00 Annual Membership Fee per Alum \$ _____

\$75.00 Golf Tournament Fee \$ _____

Member attending the business luncheon. (no cost) _____

Member attending the banquet and dance. (\$15.00 per person) \$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Association General Fund \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please note any news concerning marriages, births, promotions, accomplishments, retirements, anniversaries, change of address, etc.

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PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR ASSOCIATION OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

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1922 - 1940**

**Victoria Rural
High School
1941 - 1966**



**Victoria
High School
1967 - Present**