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## News from the Alumni Board President

Hello Again,

Do you remember the old St. Cecilia cookbook, the one with the Blue Cover? Well, guess what? A few of those recipes and a bunch more from our alumni are available again. This would be a great gift for weddings, bridal showers, birthdays, Easter, "Mothers Day" or just to have on hand for that last minute gift you didn't think about. They also are a nice keepsake to have in your kitchen! You can order them online at stbluehawks.com or call the Alumni Office at 402-462-6566. So don't delay!

You should be receiving your phone-a-thon mailing soon. Take the time to reflect on how richly God has blessed all of us. This is a great opportunity to pass those blessings on. I believe another of God's blessings include time and talent. Those living near Hastings can share their talent with us. Don't be bash-

ful. We are currently seeking new members for our board of directors and helpers on our special projects.

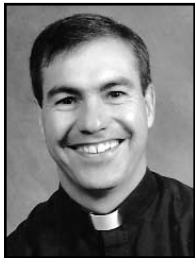
**April 1 & 2, 2005** is Alumni BB & VB Tournament time! So get your teams together and get those entries in ASAP. I want you guys to dig up your old team pictures, some fun memories or maybe that old statuette that Weber's use to make. We are making a place to show them all off on Saturday night! I want all to know that if you don't play ball, but would like to get your class members together, we can throw a pitch game together. If you would like to do this, just send me a note.

\* **Mark your calendars for June 17th & 18th.** This is the weekend for the **Alumni Golf Tournament and Reunion.**

God Bless.

**Bruce Rundle '77**

**President of the Alumni Board of Directors**



### Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy Lent to all. I pray that you are all able to embrace the grace-filled Lenten season and truly grow in holiness.

A special congratulation to 1978 Saint Cecilia graduate, **Rick Sheehy '78**, who was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska by Governor Dave Heineman. Rick had been Mayor of Hastings since 2000. Rick will serve as Nebraska's direc-

tor of homeland security, chairman of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, presiding officer of the Nebraska Legislature, and he will be directly involved in economic development efforts for the state. Rick and his wife, Connie, have two children. Maggie is a 2004 Saint Cecilia graduate and student at Doane College and Joel is a sophomore at Saint Cecilia. Rick will do a wonderful job.

Mrs. Betty Hunt, who has taught business, accounting, typing and key-boarding at Saint Cecilia's for the past 29 years will be retiring this May. Betty has been an outstanding asset to the Hastings Catholic Schools. She has given her heart and soul for our students and really sees them as her own. She will be deeply missed. The weeks fly by at school with so many activities taking place. Our academic decathlon team once again qualified for the State meet up at Creighton this week-end. Our team is one of our strongest yet and goes into the tournament favored as one of top three schools in the small school division. Brett Hodgen, 11th grade, Rob McMickell, 11th grade, Scott Micek, 10th grade, and Jordan Stovall, 9th grade, are wrestling at the state tournament this weekend. Our basketball girls are in sub-district finals and with a 19-2 record have a good chance at going to state in a couple of weeks. Our boys are gearing up

for sub-districts next week.

I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. Your prayers, interest and generosity are vital to our ongoing growth and success. Let us continue to pray for one another.

**Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Father Jim Meysenburg  
Superintendent**

## Do you know these guys? Is this the first STC Basketball team?



Please email or send their names to the Alumni Office.

**Leo Brouillette '37** appears back row, left.



# News from the Alumni Director

**Carol Brouillette '64 Poppe**  
**STC Alumni Director**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are starting an exciting new year with many activities approaching. Here is the list, so mark your calendars and please plan to participate.

**The cookbook** has gone over with great reviews, so if you are interested in getting one, two or more, please call, email or order from our web page. If you order from the web site, you can use your credit card and your cookbook will be mailed the same day you placed your order. (In most cases confirmation is received within an hour of placing your order.)

**2005 Phone-a-thon by 'letter'** will be mailed sometime in March. This is a wonderful way to participate in the lives of our students. Your gift will touch each and every student now and future years to come. Our goal this year is \$36,000. We missed it by only a few hundred dollars in 2004. These gifts go directly to the STC Endowment Fund (75%) and the STC Alumni Office (25%). Interest earnings from the Endowment directly support our school budget. Funds directed to this office pay for our annual expenses; web site, mailings, newsletters, etc. .

**Thank you** to all who have participated in this great endeavor. Just take a few minutes and think about the good that comes from your gifts. You are helping future leaders of our faith and country and the reward to you is priceless.

If you wish, you may use your credit card to make donations for the phone-a-thon or for whatever reason; click on the 'contributions' tab at the top of the home page.

**STC Alumni Basketball & Volley Ball Tournament** is April 1st & 2nd. Please join in the fun! Great time, great people, and great food. The party will be at the K of C Hall on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. **ALL alumni and spouses are encouraged to attend.** Players get in free. There is a cover charge for non-players, spouses or significant others.

### Reunion & Golf Tournament 2005

**Alumni Golf tournament** is Friday June 17th. Registration is 8 a.m. (time for coffee, juice and rolls); tee time is 9 a.m. Lunch will be served after everyone has finished playing. Winners and prizes will be announced after lunch.

**Alumni are asked to register before May 15th.** After that date, the tournament will be opened to parents, friends and the public. We will not be able to guarantee you a spot after May 15th. **Sponsorships: See enclosed forms.** You can register and pay by credit card at our web site.

**Murphy's Wagon Wheel Friday evening gathering is 4:30 - 10 p.m.** As in the past the HCS Development Office will sponsor the Open House. Murphy' offers an opportunity for all alumni, young and old, to enjoy each other's company.

**Reunion 2005** will be on Saturday, June 18th starting with 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross Chapel (former Crosier Monastery Chapel). Registration and social will follow at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. Honor years end in 0 and 5. We encourage all alumni, spouses and friends to attend and we are looking forward to visiting with you. Please contact me for your class lists and your plans for this special weekend at [stcalumni@gtmc.net](mailto:stcalumni@gtmc.net).

**Thank you** for your continued support to the Hastings Catholic Schools and the STC Alumni Association. We are very thankful for your help of time, talent and treasures.

God Bless You!

## WEDDINGS

**Ryan Hatt '99** to Susan Walston, September 5, 2004.

**Jason McChesney '91** to **Andrea Finegan '91**, October 14, 2004.

**Michelle Brouillette '97** to Ryan Sorensen, November 26, 2004.

**Patricia Kolbet '01** to Trevor Schafer, December 18, 2004.



## BIRTHS

Kristi & **Tom Krikac '92**, a baby boy, Caden Krikac, June 19, 2004.

James & **Tracy Schik '98 Palmer**, a baby girl, Josie Linn Palmer, August 17, 2004

Neil & **Ann Schultes '95 Heckman**, a baby boy, Andrew Neil Heckman, November 26, 2004.



Jennifer & **James Bassett '98**, a baby girl, Cailey Jewell Bassett, January 3, 2005

Louis & **Emily Hervert '93 Papera**, a baby boy, Louis Victor Papera, January 12, 2005.

## MEMORIALS

Clarence Schneider . . . . .	\$180.00
Jim Sherman . . . . .	\$640.00
Marian McQuillan . . . . .	\$425.00
Richard Gerritsen . . . . .	\$15.00
Alice Roth . . . . .	\$510.00

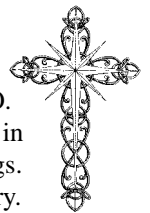
## 1950's

### Happy 50th Anniversary

**Dick Davey '51** and **Mavis Mahoney '50** were married February 12, 1955 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Hastings, NE. Their children are **Nancy '74 Cary** and **Denise '77 Spilinek**.

## ALUMNI DEATHS

**Jim Sherman '47** passed to eternal life November 7, 2004 in Colorado Springs CO. Services were held November 11, 2004 at in Trinity Catholic Church in Colorado Springs. Private burial was at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.



Jim was born in 1929 to Andrew and Elizabeth Sherman in Lincoln, NE. After graduation from St. Cecilia High School, he graduated from Regis College in Denver. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 in Korea. Jim was a Staff Sgt. and received seven decorations with the 30th Med. APO 301 in Yongdong Po. After his time in the service, he returned to Hastings where he was in business with his father and brother Don, at Sherman Service Center. Jim married JoAnn Match from Helper, UT in 1958. Survivors are is wife; children; **Patricia Sherman '78 Gostine** of Grand Rapids, MI, **Anthony '80** and **Elizabeth Sherman '84 Finnerty** of Colorado Springs, CO; four grandchildren; sisters **Mary K Sherman '48** Stockton of Palm Springs, CA, **Carol Sue Sherman '55 Mooney** and **Rita Sherman '62** both of Omaha; and one brother; **Jerry Sherman '58** of Omaha. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, **Don Sherman '52**. Memorials many be sent to Holy Trinity Catholic School in Colorado Springs or Hastings Catholic Schools, Andrew and Elizabeth Sherman Memorial in Hastings, NE.

**Wayne Gilmore '57** of Pueblo, Colorado passed to eternal life November 26, 2004 in Pueblo, Colorado. Wayne was born in 1939 to Cleo and Thelma Gilmore in Campbell, NE. He attended St. Cecilia High School and a short time before graduation, he moved with his family to Santa Monica, CA, where he graduated. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors are two sons, Jeff of Lincoln and Chad of Pueblo; one sister, Judy Johnston of Michigan; and three brothers, **Ron Gilmore '56** of Holstein NE, **Don Gilmore '56** of Alabama and **Gary Gilmore '61** of Hastings.

**Richard Gerritsen '47** passed to eternal life December 28, 2004 in Hastings. Services were at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church with Rev. Ramon Decaen officiating. Burial with military rites by Hastings Veterans Organizations was in Parkview Cemetery. Richard was born to Henry and Christina Gerritsen in Aberdeen, SD. He moved to Hastings as a young child. After graduating from High School, he graduated from St. Benedict's College in Atchison, KS, St. Joseph Hospital School of Medical Technology, the Nuclear Medicine Technology program at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln and Randolph School of Real Estate. He married Marilyn Albers in Hastings. Richard served in Korea during the Korean War and received several service awards. He was employed by Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital for 34 years in the laboratory and as supervisor of the Nuclear Medicine Department which he designed and developed. As a real estate broker he was owner of Gerritsen Auction and Realty and was associated with his son in Gerritsen Auction Service. He was a member of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, St. Benedict's Alumni, Hastings Board of Realtors, National Society of Medical Technologists, St. Benedict's Oblates of Yankton, SD and the Eagles Club. Survivors are his wife; sons, Steve of Hastings and Tony of St. Petersburg, Russia, daughter; Susan Largen of Hastings, sister; **Kathleen Gerritsen '54** Lacy of Hastings, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two step great grand children. Memorials may be given to the Family's choice.

**Mary DeWitt '46** Praga of Ocean Hills, CA passed to eternal life January 18, 2005. Services were at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside, CA. Mary was born to Floyd "Red" and Christine DeWitt in Hastings on April 9, 1928. She married Myron Praga in California where she lived for many years. Survivors are her husband; son David of Richland WA; and many grandchildren.

**James P May '46** of Lincoln passed to eternal life January 31, 2005 in Lincoln, NE. Services were at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln with the Rev. Stephen J. Brownlee officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln. He was born in 1928 in Hastings. After graduation he served in the U.S. Merchant Marines and in the U.S. Army. Jim was a certified master horologist (the science of measuring and the art of making time pieces). Survivors are sons; Michael and Rex of Hastings, Lewis of Riverfalls, WI and James P. of Blue Hill, NE., one stepson, James Fuller of Lincoln; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives, Margaret and **Patricia Heaps '46** May.

**Richard 'Dick' Biglin '37** passed to eternal life February 13, 2005 in Aurora, CO. Services were at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Entombment was at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. A Nebraska native and a Creighton University journalism graduate, Dick moved to Denver 50 years ago, working for the Western Farm Life Magazine. After a short time in Chicago, he returned to Colorado, working for the American Sheep Producers Council. Dick led a number of excursions to New York City to introduce the sheep ranchers to the East Coast buyers of lamb for ethnic markets. His duties in his 25 years at the council included trips to New Zealand and Australia. After retirement, Dick kept active in Aurora civic matters and founded the Excel senior program at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Ruth; daughter Nancy Lajoie, and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by a daughter. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Foundation or Hospice of Metro Denver.

## OTHER DEATHS

**Alice Loskill Trausch**, 80 of Assumption, NE, passed to eternal life November 6, 2004. Survivors are daughters; **Beverly Trausch '64** Westgaard of Paradise Valley, AZ, **Kathy Trausch '67** Iocca of Jackson, MI, **Norma Trausch '73** Engdahl of Phoenix and Shirley Trausch Deal of Olathe, KS, sons; **Ken '65** of Breckenridge, CO, **Gene '70** of Lincoln, NE, **Cliff '73** of Loveland, CO, Delvin of Omaha, Melvin of Roseland, Brian of Fountain, CO, and Bruce of Concordia, MO; four sisters, two brothers, 32 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be give to Assumption Catholic Church or to Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Hospice.

**Hazel L Hayes**, 93, of Hastings passed to eternal life December 6, 2004. Survivors are daughters; Myrna Dover of Madison and **Janice Hayes '59** of Hastings, son: Jim of Palm Coast, FL, two sisters, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be given to the family. A memorial will be established at a later date.

**Dale Thompson**, 77, passed to eternal life December 25, 2004 at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln. Survivors include his wife Alice, sons; **Terry '66** of Hastings and **Rick '79** of Chappell and daughter, Sandra Cleveland of Denver. Memorials may be given to St. Michael's Men's Club.

**Leander 'Lee' Nowak**, 86, passed to eternal life January 5, 2005 in Hastings, NE. Survivors are; his wife **Ann Langdon '36** Nowak, two daughters; Denise Krueger and Nancy Gleason both of Hastings, one brother and four grandchildren. Memorials may be given to the Lee Nowak Memorial Fund.

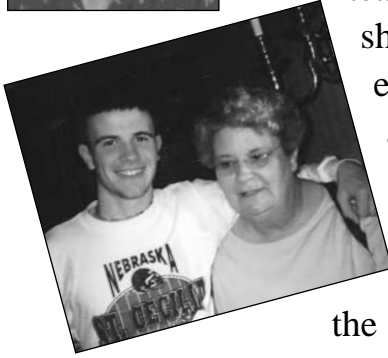
**Alice Roth**, 76, passed to eternal life January 10, 2005 in Hastings. Survivors are two daughters, **Catherine Roth '69** Lonnquist and Mary Lou Wilson both of Hastings, one brother, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be given to Hastings Catholic Schools Trust or Hastings College Music Department.

**Mariena 'Mike' (Coble) Fuchs**, 76, passed to eternal life February 1, 2005. She moved to Hastings in 1942 with her family and attended St. Cecilia High School. Survivors are one brother, two grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

## RETIREMENT



Betty Hunt will be retiring at the end of the 2004/2005 school year. During her 29 years as a teacher at STC,



she has taught and encouraged many in business, accounting and typing. We would like to honor her with a retirement 'card' shower.

Please send your cards to the STC Alumni Office prior to



May 1st and we will present them to her before the end of the school year.

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