

# Sooner Spirit

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## CENTRAL'S FIRST HOMES - HUMBLE BEGINNINGS LEAD TO PROUD HISTORY

It is well documented that the Freshman Class of 1893 was the first ever class from Oklahoma City High School (it wouldn't officially become Central High School until the 1920s). But where that 1892-93 school year student body was housed is not necessarily that clear.

Charles Able ('35), in his 1985 book *The Central Theme*, reported Central's first ever schoolhouse as being a "...one-room store-front building" on West California Street (in the area of the present-day Myriad Gardens).

Also according to *The Central Theme*, Mary D. Crouch was the first principal, the first ever school year lasted just four months, and that the following school year (1893-94) the school moved into a vacant military reservation building at 4th and Walnut. Photographs of both referenced structures are included in *The Central Theme*, with the 81-member second-year student body in the foreground of the military building photo.

And the proposition that Central's first ever home was on West California is supported in several *Sooner Spirit* articles through the years.

However, Central having been founded in a building on West California is contradicted by other historical accounts. Most notably, Central's 1905 Student Annual cited Central's first home as being "the old Massey house," and described it as a log and frame three-room building situated "... directly north of the present high school on 4th Street." The "present high school" at the time was the Irving Building at 4th and Walnut, which had been built adjacent to the site of the military reservation building after it had burned, in 1894 (after Central's second school year).

That 1905 account includes a photo of that reported first-home building with the first-year (1892-93) student body of 44 students in the foreground. But it's the same building identified in *The Central Theme* as Central's second-year home - the military reservation building.



The one-room building at 319 W. California cited in Charles Able's *The Central Theme* as Central's first home.

In any event, considering that the school was only 12 years old in 1905, it is reasonable to assume that where Oklahoma City High School had originated just a dozen years earlier would be fairly common knowledge at the time, especially at the school itself.

Moreover, the "first-year" student body in the 1905 yearbook photo consisted of 44 students, whereas the "second-year" student body in Charles Able's *Central Theme* photo consisted of 81, in both instances posed in front of the same military building. So that site was almost

surely Central's schoolhouse during parts or all of at least two years. And since that building burned after Central's second school year (1893-94), those two years must have been the first two.

Also, a report in the 1912 Student Annual indicated that in 1892, Mary D. Crouch (reported in *The Central Theme* as Central's first principal), "...opened, in a small one-room dingy frame structure, located at 313 W. California Avenue, what grew to be the present O.H.S.," describing it as "...the first institution of higher education" in the city.

But nowhere in that characterization is that building cited as "Oklahoma City High School." It is at least implicit, then, that Ms. Crouch opened that school as a private enterprise rather than under the formal auspices of the Board of Education.

And tending to support that supposition is the fact that Ms. Crouch, in her mid-20s at the time, is not the principal of record at the military

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Hello Cardinals,

**H**ere we are the last Sooner Spirit for this year. Wow, does time fly by!

The Class of 1964 held their 50th reunion on September 6th. There were 96 in attendance. Of those, there were 41 from the class of 1964. What a great turn out! It was a great reunion and will be remembered by all who attended.

There is a All Class Reunion being planned for September 12th, 2015 (see more information in this Sooner Spirit).

I understand that several classes of the 1940's have been meeting for lunch and have had good turn-outs for their meetings. Keep up the good work!

I want to thank everyone for sending in their dues and donations this year. As you know, without your help we would no longer exist. Thank you very much and keep up the great work.

Until next time "GO CARDINALS!" ■

*In Cardinal Spirit,  
Sammy Lovelace, 1963*

## CLASS OF 1945 FAITHFULLY HOLDS MONTHLY MEETINGS



Front Row, left to right: Alyce Meyers Ramsey, Georgia Garrett Vaughn, Betty McCarthy Case, Nelda Johnson Latham. Back rows: Dan Case, Clark Case, Marie Chenoweth, John Knuppel (in back), Martha Ramsey Ellis, Roy Sherry, Charles Harris, Mary Lou Downing Davis, Rae Bolton Troutman, Roberta Cave Stalcup, Tommie Brantley Palmer, John Erwin, Ken Case.

by Charles Harris, '45

**T**he Central High school class of 1945 has been meeting on the second Monday evening of each month for more than 24 years. Bob Ramsey was instrumental in starting the group and continued to be a one of the main spark plugs until his death in December 2012. For the past twenty years, Betty McCarty Case has, along with Bob Ramsey, been a primary force in holding the group together and planning special events for the meetings.

On June 9th, the group met at Johnnies on NW Expressway to express their appreciation to Betty and her husband, Owen Clark Case, for their dedication of service throughout the years. We had twenty-one in attendance and that included the Case's two sons and a daughter-in-law.

This is a fantastic group because widows and widowers of classmates continue to attend with the enthusiasm of a Central Cardinal. Anyone who is a friend to our school is welcome to join with us and enjoy the fellowship. Just come to Johnnies on NW Expressway on the second Monday of each Month at 4:30 pm. When placing your order mention that you are with the class of '45, and proceed to the private dining room. ■

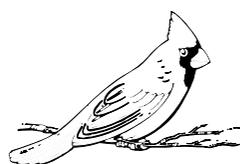
*P.S. This article was first composed on August 14. Regretfully, Betty Case departed this life on August 17 and her service was held on August 23. Betty lived a life of self-sufficiency and service to others. Sixteen classmates and other Central supporters attended the service. She will be greatly missed by the class of '45 and the Black Skirt organization.*

## NEW CHSAA ADDRESS

**T**he Central High School Alumni Association has changed its mailing address.

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# CLASS OF '64 CELEBRATES 50TH CLASS REUNION

by Gaylon Sparks, 64

**W**hat a wonderful time everyone had at our 50th Reunion, around 90 in attended. I want to thank everyone for coming because without you we would not have the great Reunion that we did. Cardinals came in from all over the United States.

For several it was their first Reunion, which means we have not seen them since 1964, but let's hope we have changed that and they will be coming to more of our Reunions and luncheons.

Also want to thank the other Class that came to support us. We had Cardinals from the Classes of 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1958, 1951 and 1943, and of course the wonderful Spouses who sat quietly and let us visit with our classmates.

A special thank you goes out to Sammy Lovelace for calling everyone. If you haven't ordered the CD for \$10 of the great Reunion pictures, you can still order it, call me.

Our life began at Central High School in the 1958-1959 School year; we spent six years growing up together in the halls and classes. If only those walls could talk, some of the stories it could tell.

We met new friends and continue our life with old neighborhood buddies. I remember walking into that beautiful huge building and thinking "how will I ever find my classes". What a change it was for me. But meeting some of you for the first time and keeping a friendship for all these years has been wonderful.

We now have our Quarter Luncheons too. We have so much fun visiting, eating, visiting and more visiting it seems we can't get enough of each other. We love our Class of 1964, come join us any time.

We meet at different places but it is always the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be around the first of December, weather pending and details to come. I normally will send out an



Class of 1964 Group Picture, September 6, 2014

Top Row (First Roll) Just Heads: Norman Drake – Jerry Tedder – Andy Lane – Danny Smith- Charles Bowman- William Merrell- Henry Smith

Second Row: Gail Drew – Richard Knight- Mike Amber – Frankie Prieto-Shirley Smith- Freddy Martinez- Shirley Miller- Max Goodenough- Lillie Stow- Gordon Hayes- Brigitte Billman- Marvin Martin- Love Denton- Godfrey Bass- Dickie Whitworth

Third Row: Edgar Linzy – James Livingston- Rocky Jones- Kirk Henley-John Sebrant- Roberta Turner- Janey Taylor- Linda Price- Shirley Donihoo- Johnnie K Wilkins- Mike Mata

Fourth Row: Linda Hudson- Gaylon Sparks – Mary Atkinson- Jan Baker- Ramona Miller- Karon Hamilton- Carol Hemmerling- Linda McCoy- Carolyn Pettigrew

email about a month before letting everyone know details and will call about two weeks before. If you have not received an email from me then I don't have your email address, you can message me on Facebook or call me so I can add it to my list.

Please send in your annual membership dues of \$10.00 so you will stay on the active Sooner Spirit mailing list. If you are not getting the Sooner Spirit let me know.

See ya in December!! And put on your Calendar the All-Class Reunion in September 2015. ■

## DID YOU KNOW...

**C**entral's ultimate status as one of the premiere trade and industrial high schools in the nation began modestly in 1904 with 30 students and a single teacher, who taught spelling, arithmetic, bookkeeping, and commercial geography. ■

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Class of 1942 - Meets the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. @ Johnnies on W. Britton Rd except December. Contact June Honiker at 405-842-0815.

Class of 1945 - Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. @ Johnnies on N.W. Hwy. Contact John Knuppel at 405-354-5079.

Class of 1955 - Supper will be held at the Boulevard Cafeteria, 525 N.W. 11th Street, Oklahoma City on December 12th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. For info call Barbara (Cox) Riddle 405-396-2535.

Class of 1956 - Meets October 30th 2014 at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 2652 W Britton Rd from 4:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Hope everyone can make it. Contact Jo Ellen Anderson Hayes at 405-329-0265.

Class of 1958 - Meeting 3rd Saturday every other month 5pm-7pm at Mackies Steak House, 1201

South Meridian. Contact Roberta Blanchard (405) 495-1953, Gail (Pfannkuche) Jenkins (405) 399-2418 or Don Herring (918) 618-4542.

Black Skirts Pep Club alumnae (all classes) - will meet on November 8, 2014, Saturday, at Johnnie's, 2652 Britton Rd., at 11:00 am for lunch and conversation. While we meet in April as well, in November we celebrate our anniversary; which means, ladies, CAKE will be served...whether we need it or not! Join us!! Call Ramolee Roach Bonds '52., 405-755-4775.

# HOW HIGH CAN A CARDINAL FLY

by Joe Boydstun, '48

**N**ot long ago I was watching a cardinal fly around in my back yard. As I observed the cardinal a thought came to my mind, how high did a Central Cardinal fly? Of course I'm talking about my older brother Frank Boydstun.

Frank loved Central High so very much. He (we) came from a small town in Bryan County. Frank came to Oklahoma City in 1944 and lived with our sister-in-law. Her husband, our older brother was killed in the Pacific (WWII) and she wanted Frank to live with her so he could go to Central High and play football. Frank was able to practice football with the team but couldn't play because of family not living here, (our family moved to Oklahoma City in December 1944).

Frank excelled in the class room and on the football field. He was a National Honor Society member and All-State tailback, also Mayor for a day. Graduating in 1946, several collages were after him, but he chose to go to Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Frank played fullback on offence and left side line backer on defense. He had recognition his sophomore, junior and senior years as All Conference for his defensive play.

At Baylor, Frank excelled in his classes also. He graduated in the upper 5% of his class. He held many offices on campus and was elected to the top position of Student Body President and was also elected "the most Representative Boy of Senior Class.

Back to football, Frank played in three post season game, the East/West game in San Francisco, California, the Senior Bowl in Alabama and the All Collage All Star game in Chicago, Ill. Frank was to be drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, but he chose to close out his playing days with Baylor.

Although Frank had graduated from Baylor with a Bachelor of Business Degree, he wanted to study law. Entered law school and led his class in grades all three years-graduating 'Cum Laude."

Entered practice with a law firm in Houston, Texas. After a while he saw the emptiness and the unhappiness and harshness in the lives of most of

the attorneys and business men, he saw the dishonesty in his own firm (the heads were supposed to have been Christens) and he quickly got out of the firm.

After this Frank wrote books for the "Campus Crusade for Christ". Later surrendered his life to serving the local churches and bible studies for his lord.

There are many Central Cardinals that went through the halls of old Central High, they have flown to great heights, they have served their country and many have died in battle, but they are still flying in our hearts and minds.

Frank, on his death bed at the Norman Hospital, was drafting church correspondence on his lap top when he was lifted to the heavens to be with his lord.

How high can a Central Cardinal fly? The Heavens the Limit. ■

*P.S. (I never knew about most of these things about Frank until I met his former class mate at Baylor. He said that he had never met a man like Frank, that Frank never talked about himself. (This information was fifty years later.)*

# '58 JAMMIN' GET-TOGETHERS

by Gail (Pfannkuche) Jenkins

**W**e are really looking forward to our CHS Class of 1958 dinner at Mackies Steak House on October 18th, from 5:00 PM to around 7:00 PM.

Attendance is getting better with each get together. Everyone seems so relaxed and we really enjoyed meeting Dwayne Owens grandson who joined us in June. a very nice, well mannered young man.

We expect more familiar faces at our October dinner. Kenneth Flanagan and his wife, Vi will be coming through OKC on their way home and have arranged their schedule so they will be in OKC on October 18th. Pat West Jimboy, Don McDuff, Katie (Farquhar) Jorski and other 'ole friends' from the Class of 1957 hope to join us there as well.

We'll try to make the "reminder calls" earlier this time because many of our friends had already made other plans by the time they were contacted in August. We'll do better in the future, sooo sorry.

Remember ... The October 18th "Get Together" will be our last one this year (2014). Due to the busy Christmas Holidays we will be skipping December and then start over on the third Saturday of every other month, beginning January 17, 2015.

Hope to see you on October 18th. 2014. ■

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# ALL CLASS REUNION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

**T**here is a All Class Reunion being planned for September 12th, 2015. It will be held at the Biltmore Hotel at I-40 and Meridian.

Dale McWaters is the reunion coordinator of this reunion and is going to need a lot of help on committees for this reunion in order

for it to take place, if you can help please get in touch with Dale, his phone number is 405-948-0210.

As you know these reunions take a lot of work in order to have one happen:

The Treasurer will be Joyce McWaters for this reunion. You may also call me (Sammy Lovelace) if you

are interested in working any of these committees, my phone number is 405-923-0039 and my email address is sklovelace@sbcglobal.net. I can let Dale know who you are.

So if you want to have a reunion lets all help support Dale so this can happen. Looking forward to hearing from you! ■

## Reunion Committees Needed

Planning Committee

Decoration Committee

Hospitality Room Committee

Entertainment Committee

Reception Desk Committee

# CARDINAL EXPRESSIONS

**O**n September 8th, the class of '45 had their monthly meeting at Johnnies on NW Expressway. Tommy Brantley Palmer brought the script for the address her husband, Harry Palmer, made at the reunion cele-

brating the 45th anniversary of their graduation.

The reunion was held on the last weekend of October 1990. Harry reminded us of the dedicated teachers, the assemblies in our unique auditorium, the various clubs, the



Harry Palmer

athletic teams, the proms, and even the slickness of the white tile floors.

All these things contributed to our receiving an excel-

lent education that has produced loyal, successful and productive citizens.

Harry concluded his speech with a poem he composed that applies to every graduating class. Below is the poem just as Harry wrote it. ■

## CENTRAL'S FIRST HOMES, CONT'D



The 1892-93 student body in front of the three-room "Massey house" at 4th and Walnut, cited in the 1905 Student Annual as Central's first home.

reservation. Mrs. Selwyn Douglas was in fact the principal there, with Alice Beitman the Assistant Principal.

Finally, a photo of the second-year student body in front of the military building is among the archives of the Central High School Alumni Association, with First Oklahoma City High School - Military Reservation hand-annotated along the lower margin.

There is at least one plausible explanation that would reconcile the conflicting historical reports. According to The Central Theme, Central's first school year, 1892-93, lasted but four months. But four months would not have constituted a full school year. It seems much more likely, then, that the student body at Mary Crouch's private California Street school was transferred to the newly-founded "Oklahoma City High School" at the military reservation for the second half of that first school year, rather than the following 1893-94 year.

The California Street school would therefore have been the first "institution of higher education" for those first-year students, but "Oklahoma City High School"

would have been the first public high school they attended, being their school for the second half of the first year and the entirety of the second.

That would explain both the "first-year" class photo in the 1905 Student Annual, and the "second-year" class photo in The Central Theme having the same building in the background.

It also would explain the California Street building being characterized in the 1912 Student Annual as an institution that "...grew into the current O.H.S.," rather than being O.H.S. itself.



The second-year (1893-94) student body in front of the military reservation building at 4th and Walnut, cited in The Central Theme as Central's second home, but in the 1905 Student Annual as its first.

In any event, the military building burned after the 1893-94 school year, and the faculty and students were moved into two rooms rented in the Methodist Church at 119 West 3rd Street, between Broadway and Robinson. The school remained housed in those quarters through two school years, then transferred into a wing of the Irving Building, which had recently been constructed on the site of the burned out original military building at 4th & Walnut. ■

### "EVER YOU'LL FIND US"

Cardinal Red and White tile floors;

The fun inside,

The sophomores slide,

The class-change bells and banging doors.

Hands held to class, then claimed again;

To carry books,

Pass well-known nooks;

Now gone. Could it have ever been?

The teachers tried, they gave their all,

To mold our minds,

So we could find,

Ourselves. Overworked, their paychecks small.

The old red bus; the games we fought;

Assemblies, plays;

Each night and day,

Full of growth and loyalties taught.

The Senior Prom, then graduation.

The band did play,

And all could say;

"I'm prepared to take my station."

Now Central grieves; go hear her groans.

No lasting cheers,

Dust for her tears,

Let me moisten them with my own.

Old Central's gone. Her silent halls

No longer ring,

From Fight Song sing;

No heartfelt "Hails" to shake her walls.

Her battlements no longer guard,

Her young folk dreams.

Lost learnings' reams;

No one there to compel, "Try hard"!

The Booster Block, old room "one-ten",

The auditorium;

All memoriam

Of our love. We knew her 'when'!

She taught to her generations;

Veneration;

For our Nation,

In lifelong contemplation.

Thus Central is a part of me.

Always in prime,

Current in time;

Changeless as Flag and family!

So - - -

Hail Alma Mater, hats off to you,

Ever, you'll find us, loyal and true;

Firm and undaunted, always we'll be,

Hail, to the school we love, here's a toast to thee."

# A. HAEWORTH ROBERTSON, '48, PENS NEW BOOK

**H**aeworth Robertson has written a new novella, *The Siren of Sans Souci*. It's a tale of ill-fated love, premeditated murder, misbegotten fortune, and personal transformation.

Haeworth wrote it this past year as a form of therapy. In June 2013 he was diagnosed with lymphoma, similar to the lymphoma he had in 2002, which he overcame with chemotherapy and radiation.

While undergoing another six months of chemotherapy, he thought it important to engage in a project he would enjoy—as a sort of diversion from the medical treatments. So he decided to write *The Siren of Sans Souci* as a sequel to *The Silver Pendant*, which he wrote in 2010. Both books are about the romances and adventures of Alan Jameson, a young actuary.

In *The Silver Pendant*, Alan is an actuary for a small insurance company. He discovers a plot in which people who have sold their life insurance policies are murdered to speed up the payment of death benefits. To keep the plot secret, the perpetrators murder Alan's girlfriend. Then they try to murder him. In a related gunfight the President of Alan's insurance company is killed and Alan is unjustly blamed. He claims self-defense (although he is not even guilty) and is not prosecuted. These are the essentials of a long and complex story.

To recover from all this trauma, Alan goes on an extended vacation to the Caribbean, and that's where *The Siren of Sans Souci* begins. Haeworth said when he started writing the story he had no idea what kind of adventures Alan would encounter, and the story more or less took on a life of its own and wrote itself—not an uncommon thing to happen for an author.

Both books are available at Amazon.com as a print book and an eBook. More details are available at [www.thesirenofsanssouci.com](http://www.thesirenofsanssouci.com).

Haeworth says he is now healthy since his chemotherapy treatments were once again successful. And he hopes to write many more sequels. ■

## About The Book

This is the second in a series of stories about Alan Jameson, a young actuary from Washington, DC. In the first one, *The Silver Pendant*, Alan uncovers a fraud that results in the life insurance company where he works being disbanded. It also results in several other traumatic events, including a murder he did not commit, yet for which he takes the blame.

In *The Siren of Sans Souci*, Alan retreats to a small island in the Caribbean to regain his equilibrium after these disturbing events in his business and personal life. The island government asks him to make actuarial projections for a retirement plan it is considering, and this leads to his meeting Graciela, a former Venezuelan beauty queen who is executive assistant to the island's president. Alan, being somewhat vulnerable at this time, becomes enamored of Graciela, who turns out to be ruthless in her quest for riches. This is a tale of ill-fated love, premeditated murder, misbegotten fortune, and personal transformation.

## About The Author

Haeworth Robertson has been a practicing actuary his entire career, working with pensions, life insurance, and social insurance. A former Chief Actuary of the U.S. Social Security Administration, in 1981 he wrote *The Coming Revolution in Social Security*, which foresaw the problems with Social Security and Medicare that are just now becoming widely recognized.



He followed this up with a 1992 book, *Social Security: What Every Taxpayer Should Know*, and a 1997 book, *The Big Lie: What Every Baby Boomer Should Know About Social Security and Medicare*. He has written and lectured widely on the need for social insurance reform and has received many awards for his outreach efforts.

Mr. Robertson has spent much of his life traveling and working abroad. This has included work assignments in Switzerland, China, Turkey, Kuwait, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, Ghana, the Philippines, Guyana, Barbados, and several other Caribbean countries.

A native of Oklahoma, he holds college degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Michigan, and has attended the University of Pennsylvania and St. John's College—Annapolis. He resides in Washington, DC when not visiting his three children in Alaska, Oregon, and North Carolina.

## CHSAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

by Oscar Jackson, '65  
Scholarship Committee Chair Member, CHSAA  
Board of Directors



NOTE: Spendable Balance will be used for scholarships to be awarded by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for the 2014-2015 academic year. As reported in the June 2014 Sooner Spirit newsletter, seven (7) high school seniors were granted \$1,500 scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, which were funded by our Association. Sufficient Spendable Balance funds will be available when the scholarship funds are disbursed.

### As of September 26, 2014

1 Gift Received During Current Fiscal Year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015).....	\$100.00
Grants Paid During Last Fiscal Year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) .....	\$0.00
Spendable Balance As Of October 1, 2014 .....	\$9,183.40
Non-Spendable Balance As Of September 26, 2014 .....	\$239,483.76
Total Fund Balance.....	\$248,667.10

# THE CLASS THAT NEVER WAS

by Charles Able, '35

The story of Michael Sweezy, '69, could be positioned in any of several categories. At this time, however, since he was a three letter man, we'll "speak sports" in the telling of his saga at Central.

Michael E. Sweezy was a member of "The Class That Never Was." That's what they called themselves. It seems that Mike attended Central for five years, took a full schedule each semester, never failed a course, loved the school, bought two different rings (each engraved with '69), and was forced to leave and did not receive a diploma at the end of that last year at Seventh and Robinson!

Unjust? Unfair? Dirty Tricks? Well, just read on.

When Mike entered Central in 1963, it was as a seventh grader and

Central had a junior-senior high school at that time. His progression from the seventh grade through his junior year of high school was understandable. As he sees it, "it was a wonderful time in my life" and is a dedicated alumnus in every sense of the word.

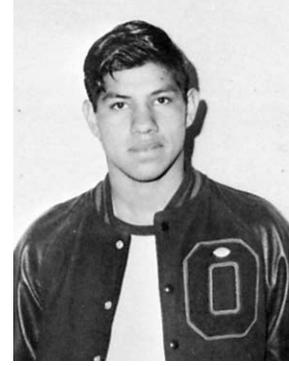
As to why he left without a diploma, the school simply shut down at the end of the '68 spring term and there was nothing for the upcoming seniors to do but go to another school to graduate. They were allowed to choose which one.

His two '69 class rings? They were purchased during his junior year. It seems that there was a jewelry sales force that took orders and sold rings. Then another firm came in and pointed out that the design did not

contain the engraved element of the school's clock tower as had been customary in the past and there for the ring was not "official."

We told you Mike was a dedicated Cardinal so he bought the second ring. Both rings are part of the Central collection in the museum.

Because of the geographic location he and some of his close team and classmates went to that "other school" and did get their diplomas. But he feels that it would have been sweeter if it had taken place on that stage with the OHS keystone over the proscenium arch.



Mike Sweezy, '69

Mike Sweezy lettered in baseball, football, and round ball. He is pictured in his letter jacket, his appropriate apparel.

If you will examine the records for those years, you will discover an entirely different picture from the one Michael sees. As he tells of all the time spent riding in an old,

shabby, green army bus to practice and games, you understand why he will always think of Cardinals as winners. Such a thought is superfluous in our story, however because we all feel that way, don't we? Doesn't everyone? Yea Cards! ■

## IN MEMORIAM

### Recently Deceased Alumni

Compiled by Sammy Lovelace ('63)



Class	First Name	School Name	Married Name	DOD
1932	J. Marion	Pendergrass		5-12-2005
1934	Ramilda E.	Dardis	Heyser	7-2-2014
1935	Winifred Mae	Jordan	McKinney	6-10-2014
1936	David M.	Cook		5-29-2014
1936	Harold G.	Bogg Jr.		7-23-2014
1936	Francis R.	Thompson		7-23-2014
1936	Harold L.	Griffith Jr.		8-1-2014
1939	Cecil L.	Meigs		2-1-2014
1939	Marvin O.	Breeding		7-19-2014
1939	James Robert	Spear		8-12-2014
1940	Helen I.	Taylor	Scott	6-22-2014
1942	Mary Evelyn	Phillips	Bruza	12-27-2013
1943	John Pete	Caporal		5-21-2014
1943	Francis Kenneth	Odle Sr.		6-13-2014
1943	Eugene R.	Gardner		6-21-2014
1943	James C.	Dulin		7-22-2014
1943	Juanita L.	McKown	Kinhead	11-11-2010
1943	Loretta M.	McCaula	Croze	9-2-2014
1945	Arthur V.	Eckroat		7-7-2014
1945	Betty Lou	McCarty	Case	7-10-2014
1945	Martha Jo	Crable	Jordan	9-20-2014
1946	Joan Yvonne	Fuget) Cornett		7-14-2014
1946	L. Calvin	Bolinger		8-30-2014
1947	Jim T. 'Jimmy'	Floyd		5-30-2014
1947	Earl E.	Worsham		7-17-2014
1948	Winifred	Meyer	Warr	5-23-2014
1948	Bobby Gene	Estell		5-31-2014
1948	Joe	Bailey		6-21-2014
1949	Peggy Sue	Harris	Pierce	7-19-2014
1949	Barbara Lee	Moore	Manning	5-25-2014
1949	Nina Jean	Breithaupt	Abernathy	5-27-2014
1950	Marjorie Jo	McKay	Calahan	5-26-2014
1950	Bill Odell	Callaway		5-29-2014
1950	Cherie Jean	Robinson	Henderson	6-2-2014
1952	Hack Nelson	Miller		6-20-2014
1952	Patsy 'Pat'	Partain	McKanna	5-29-2014
1953	Jack Ronald	Crites		7-4-2014
1954	Lawrence	Wheeler		5-27-2014
1954	David C.	Shapard		5-12-2011
1955	Marsha	Pase	Bone	6-30-2013
1955	Robert W.	Lashbrook		7-29-2014
1955	Mike	Benson		Unknown
1955	Keith	Cox		4-4-2011
1955	Gayle	Turner	Terume	12-23-2012
1955	Mary E.	Kelly	Smith	Unknown
1955	James L.	Burns		Unknown
1955	Rowland	Gravlin		Unknown
1956	Charlene	Comes	Ewing-Page	6-22-2014
1956	Page D.	Waller		8-22-2014
1957	Josephine	Straughan	Williams	11-17-2013
1958	Johanna	Wright	Karloski	6-11-2014
1959	Delbert C. 'Dick'	Taylor		8-16-2014
1959	Carlton Ray	Mayfield		9-9-2014
1960	William Allen	Buck Sr.		6-11-2014
1961	James A.	Perkins		12-7-2013
1964	Jack D. 'Jackie'	Bohanan		2000
1964	JoAnn	Mayabb		2012
1966	Carolyn Sue	Miller	Royals	7-12-2014
1967	Eugene	Mayer Jr.		7-6-2014
1967	Ronald L.	Lawrence		9-14-2014
1969	Charletta	Jenkins	Jones	7-15-2014

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 1946--Jack H Vaughn  
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 1946 Don Felts and  
 1949--Gloria Lamar Felts  
 1946--Anna Mitacek Deming  
 1946--Wanda Taylor Askins  
 1946--Bonnie Sue Little  
     Hubbard

1947--Billye Ruth Erwin Selby  
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 1947--Doeiece A Pearson Griffin  
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 1947--Ted Wernick  
 1947--Pat Haney Venable  
     Jungmeyer  
 1947--Jean Winsor Roberts  
 1947--Lila Mae (Corkle) Singleton  
 1947--Gayle (Fox) Townsend  
 1948--Roberta N. (Nail) Yasuda  
 1948--Kay Simon  
 1948--Lilburn (Kaiser) Senn  
 1948--Patricia (Heil) Aldredge  
 1948--Eunice (Frost) Parker  
 1948--Rhodly L. Alden  
 1948--Judy Berry Pearson  
 1948--Albert E Swihart  
 1948--Sue McKinney Kern  
 1948--Helen Hayes Bondurant  
 1948--A Haeworth Robertson  
 1948--Joe Boydston  
 1948--Martin Moore  
 1949--Carolyn J Caldwell  
     Singleton  
 1949--Russell K Singleton  
 1949--Thomas K Boehme and  
 1955--Gail Gleason Boehme  
 1949--J Ailene Wilson Haralson  
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     Frank  
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     Green  
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     Willson  
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 1957--Charles Cox  
 1957--John 'Eddie' Norlin  
 1957--Judy Mitchell Norlin  
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     McWaters  
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 1959--Gary Driskill  
 1960--Charles Heartsill  
 1960--Doris Long Heartsill

1960--Barney Harvey  
 1961--Ernest Winston  
 1961--Griffith Miller  
 1962--James H Miller  
 1063--Johnny Hawkins  
 1963--Douglas Threatt  
 1963--Joe Smoliga  
 1963--Sammy Lovelace  
 1964--Linda (Price) Lovelace  
 1964--Emma J Miller Bell  
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 1964--Andy Lane  
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