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Class of '57 entertains: Roger Best (far left) and Bill Watkins (far right) are ready to catch Joeleen Oman Snyder and Diane Thompson Swain if they fall while doing a cheerleading routine on stage during an Alumni skit on Saturday night. Seated in view behind them are (from left): Shirley Frazer Anderson, Dee Hall and Ed Morrison. (Jessica Tickle photo)

## A.H.S. Alumni Reunite

### Some 300 Attend Banquet

By Darlene Rimpley

The little groups stood talking among themselves, which made for a mass of jumbled noises in the school auditorium, as the Class of '57 gathered to practice for the Alumni program. "Together Again" was not only the theme of their program, but was their joy of meeting after many years. What fun to listen to the mixture of murmur.

And then the BIG DAY, when the alumni gathered. The Class of 1947 was celebrating 70 years of belonging to the elite group of Arnold High alumni and holding a class get-together in a classroom at the school.

When I stepped in to ask for a few remarks from the class members, they were not quick to come up with some answers, so I pinned some of them down. Bob Leach of Aurora, Nebraska, was the first one I asked for a remark. His first answer was, "I'm dumbfounded!" and then thinking that didn't sound too good, said, "It is good to be back."

Duane Carlson of Omaha said, "I'm surprised at being able to be here."

The finger seemed to be pointed at Bob when it was asked by Jerry Ahrens of Arnold, "Who put the smoke bomb in Mr. Hirsh's car?" and when asked who had the reputation for driving the fastest, the Weber boy (Marvin of Arnold) quickly got the nod.

And then the "fashionably

late" class members, Bonnie Smith Rose of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Charles Blowers of Arnold, arrived. Betty Lucas McKain and Theda Nansel Coleman sat quietly and smiled a lot.

A meal of salsa meat loaf and accompaniments, prepared under the watchful eye of Josh Magill and April Mills Tickle, with a scrumptious dessert bar, was enjoyed by approximately 300 people.

The memorial service, a time of remembering deceased alumni, followed with Gary Halstead '73 reading a list of those deceased in the past year and leading in prayer. The Men on the Mountain quartet (Dale Fletcher, Ed Tullis '70, Bob Hough and Irv Jennings), accompanied by Melody Jennings '76, sang "Precious Memories."

President Tim Rosentrater gave announcements, had former and current bus drivers stand to be thanked, and with the help of Emcee Craig Halstead, gave out a number of door prizes.

An update of the Arnold School Foundation by Betty Halstead Yeargain '64, and an alumni report by Josh Magill '04 followed. In the latter, it was told that we may have to go to a caterer in 2018 due to the lack of volunteers to be in charge of the meal (although Josh did not mention it, this may also be due to the remodeling of the school kitchen which will make serving very difficult).



Diane Thompson Swain and John Hardin entertain the Alumni crowd with a song.

Jene Hagler Byczek '75 of Tampa, Florida, shared an anecdote about the time she was in her career as an army officer and was stationed in Germany, and how she tried to avoid telling an older German cab driver where she was from other than America. He kept insisting on her narrowing the hometown location down, and finally, after some severe questioning, she admitted that she came from a little town of Arnold, Nebraska, and he knew exactly where it was! Moral of the story: "Be proud of where you are from and brag it up" (that last tidbit is mine, Jene).

Allison Rosentrater '09, who was in charge of the 1st Annual Alumni Volleyball Tournament, then announced the winners: Amanda Knight Kollars and Kristi Weinman Christensen, both '05, were 3rd place winners; Kimberly Urbanovsky Cain '08, Ryan Urbanovsky '10 and Brent Urbanovsky '11, placed 2nd; and Allison, David Halstead '08, Jamie Halstead '05, and Denisa Larreau Hollenbeck '07, were the champions.

Kindergarten teacher extraordinaire, Ila Dailey, was honored as the teacher of the year. Mrs. Dailey taught from 1972 to 1994, and taught approximately 480 students during those years. She was presented a bouquet of flowers.

Master of Ceremonies Craig Rosentrater '74 met the honored classes as they passed by in front of the audience to share their name, where they are living, and bits of wisdom about classmates.

The Class of 1947 had 18 living class members and eight were present for the gathering. The Class of '57 took top honors for attendance with 13 out of 18 living members present. The Class of 1967 did well, with 14 out of 27 living members. The class of 1977 had 14 out of 23 there. What happened to 1987?

Jeff Sheets from South Dakota and Brad McDonald of Omaha were the only two out of 16 there (good going, Jeff and Brad!). The Class of '97 only had nine graduates, and five of them were present, with Chana Stoddard Saavada of St.

Mary's, Georgia, coming a long way to attend. Half of the 12 members of the Class of 2007 attended, and our newest members, the Class of 2017, and three of their six members attending.

A number of out of state guests were in attendance (that report will be in the next edition of The Sentinel), with Nathan Rosentrater of Washington being the winner. Returning and present faculty showed only four (and I missed one): Ila Dailey, Bonnie Smith Rose and Rick Peterson. Mr. Peterson then came forward to proudly show the South Loup (that is Arnold High and Callaway High sports teams combined) first place trophy that was won at the state track meet.

Then a surprise - a real surprise - came to Darlene Rimpley when she was presented a

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## Arnold's City-Wide Garage Sales Are This Sat.

Arnold's city-wide garage sales are set for this Saturday, June 3. Eighteen locations will be on the map, which is available online and at local businesses. Go to [www.arnoldne.org](http://www.arnoldne.org) to get your online map.

The Goodwill donation trailer will be on the south side of the city park after noon on Friday, June 2, to Wednesday, June 7. Donations can also be taken to St. Agnes Thrift Center.

Virtually anything in your home or garage that you no longer use is accepted: clothing,

household items, shoes, boots, purses, belts, hats, books, computers, printers, monitors and computer accessories can be placed inside the Goodwill trailer. Due to limited storage space, televisions, furniture and large appliances are not accepted. Tax donation receipts are available at the trailer.

## Fifty-five Kids Signed Up for T-Ball, Coach Pitch

The community is invited to come down to the Arnold ball diamond to watch T-ball and coach pitch in action every Monday night in June. Game times are 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30.

Organizers say the program has grown this year. Coach

pitch has been added, with 11 kids on the blue team and 12 on the red team. Four teams of eight kids are playing T-ball, for a total of 55 children learning the game.



## Honoring Our Fallen

Members of the American Legion Post 130 and V.F.W. Post 6157, Arnold, post colors at the memorial monument, Monday morning at the Arnold Cemetery during Memorial Day Services. There was good attendance by residents and visitors to hear Josh Flint give the address and honor our fallen soldiers. (Fallon Gibson photo)