



Bulldog Bulletin

South High School Alumni Association

Tradition of Pride and Excellence



From the President

Jim Driggs

Time certainly does fly. Its hard to believe another school year is about to pass. Another group of alumni will be generated and each of us will be another year away from our South High experience. I am always amazed at what transpires each year I am doing this, the people I meet, the history that keeps coming to light and the great experiences I hear about from all of you. I kid my friends that I really do need to get a life other than my connection to South. That would be hard to do, I look back and realize that life and our society have changed and I wonder how today's kids will get as much out of their experience at South as we did. We really were very fortunate. The village of people in the southside that were there for us, to guide us and lead us to adulthood doesn't seem to be there anymore. The Alumni Association has been blessed with the ability to extend some help to those students that ask for it and it is because of your donations and participation that we are able to continue with our efforts. Thank you for being there to help.

Dates To Remember In 2011

- April 30 SHS Alumni Association Breakfast Meeting at Plank's Café on Parsons Avenue, 9 am, featuring guest speaker David Cohen; author of " Sorry, Downtown Columbus is Closed"
- July 16 SHS Alumni Association Breakfast Meeting at Plank's Café on Parsons Avenue, 9 am
- September 18 10th Annual SHSAA Picnic at Hoover Y-Park. Fun! Food! Friends! Memorabilia! Games & Prizes!
- October 22 SHS Alumni Association Breakfast and Annual Meeting at Plank's Café on Parsons Avenue, 9 am, Election of Board Members for 2012

Editors Note: Apologies for the lateness of this issue of the *Bulldog Bulletin*. I expect to publish the June issue on schedule. LL

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SHS's Sherwon Wanzo Crowned City League Champion

Larry Latta '72

The Bulldogs had the distinct honor of hosting the City League Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 12th. For the first time in over a decade a Bulldog was crowned a city league champion; Junior Sherwon Wanzo in the 152 lb. weight class.

I personally attended the matches and as a South High alumnus and former wrestler I felt a great sense of pride in the performance of the entire team, the coaches and the wonderful new facility that housed the event. The Bulldog Team placed 5th overall (5 of 16) and had 6 SHS grapplers wrestle in the evening finals. The 2010/2011 Bulldog Matmen are carrying on a long tradition of excellence. Listed below are past city league champions:

- 1966 George Harper (175#)
- 1967 George Harper (175#), Roger Caldwell (HWT)
- 1968 Dave Johnson (165#), Ted Gust (175#)
- 1971 Darel Napier (98#), Howard Moore (105#), Glenn Darby (138#)
- 1975 Bruce Gibson (112#)
- 1976 Harold Thorton (HWT)
- 1979 Brian Stallings (119#)
- 1980 Brian Stallings (119#)
- 1984 Scott Green (112#), Tim Green (119#)
- 1985 Scott Green (112#)
- 1987 Bill Hairston (126#), Mitch Trudell (HWT)
- 1989 LeeRoy Thorton (125#)
- 1990 Raymond Snyder (189#)
- 1994 Jason Dixon (125#)
- 1995 Michael Kush (130#)
- 1997 Michael Wiles (215#)
- 1998 Michael Wiles (215#)
- 2000 Antwan Garmony (171#)



l to r: Asst. Coach Fred Parish, 152# City League Champion Sherwon Wanzo, and Head Coach Felix Catheline



The 2010/2011 SHS Varsity Wrestling Team

SHSAA Dancin' To The Oldies — February 5, 2011 Photos By Dave Gruber '62



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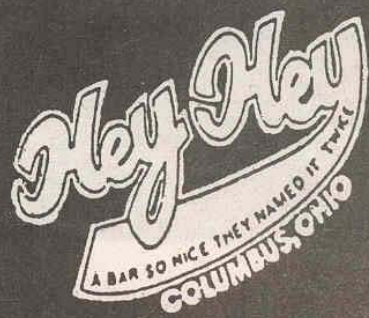
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Gary Ogle Class of 1961

Carol Driggs Wolfenbarger '61

Gary Ogle (June, 1961) says he considers himself a most fortunate person. At the age of 15 Gary knew what he wanted and he's done it. 50 years after graduating from South he reflects on his good fortune in accomplishing his goal.

Gary retired from the City of Columbus Parks and Recreation Department in 1998 as head of the Parks and Rec's Sports Office. Gary's involvement with athletics at city parks and recreation centers stretched across 36 years starting in 1962. He was as playground leader, recreation center leader/director (Schiller, Thompson, and Linden), and lastly was in charge of the Adult Sports Office in City Hall.

The direction of Gary's career can be traced from the Southside-Y (housed in a building on S. 3rd St. in German Village), through participation in Gray-Y, High-Y, Schiller Park teams, football at South, and The Ohio State University. He was a pitcher and also a catcher on Y sponsored teams and at South he began as a fullback and was moved to tackle on the football team. Gary loved sports and recalls coaches and park recreation leaders (Leroy Wise and Jerry Federson; at South, Bob Duncan) as his models and mentors.

In the summer of 1962 Gary was hired as a playground assistant. At that time playgrounds were staffed by 4 people. Gary was placed at the Deshler Elementary School playground (an aside: Roosevelt Junior High School played baseballs games at Deshler). Roger Dumaree, who later served as South's principal, was Gary's boss. Gary remembers sometimes working as many as 50 hours a week and earning the take-home pay of \$60 for two weeks work (now, that's dedication to your passion!). Recalling this time right after high school also reminded Gary of his student days at Ohio State working for OSU's athletic department – one of his jobs, putting up the Big Ten pennants around the top of the OSU football stadium before game days.

At this same time, 1962 and 1963, Gary was coaching the Duckworth Plumbing little league football team (many will remember that this was a team to be reckoned with and produced some of SHS's finest football players). Gary says that he had some philosophical differences with the thinking of how little league football should be structured. Mainly it was the strict weight restrictions applied to divisions within these leagues. Boys who were playing football in elementary and junior high were in the midst of growth spurts and Gary believed that trying to meet a weight requirement for the weigh-ins on Saturday morning led to problems.

In the summer of 1963 Gary was back at Deshler as the playground leader. 1964 he was working full-time at Schiller, in charge of the gym, group games, and football. Gary says he often felt like a surrogate dad to kids coming to the park. After serving as center director at Linden in 1972 Gary moved downtown to the Sport Office at City Hall working with Bill McDonald. The adult sports program began a time of significant expansion.

The adult softball program grew from 90 leagues to 238 leagues. The city recreation department hired 450 softball officials (in 1973 officials were paid \$5 per game for umpiring) for the 15,000 softball games played during the summer. Greenlawn Park (now named Berliner Park for Lou Berliner, a sports writer at the Columbus Dispatch who reported amateur sports) with 31 diamonds was part of this growth and is now the largest amateur softball/baseball park in the country. Before computers and email became a ubiquitous presence, Monday to Friday Gary would deliver (meaning he would walk from City Hall to the Dispatch on 3rd St.) schedules and information about City sponsored amateur sports leagues to Lou Berliner's desk. Gary related an analysis he did of adult sports in the City of Columbus while in the Sports Office. He says that at the time he made this assessment amateur sports had as big an impact on the city as a six-game season of OSU football in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He took into consideration the number of people involved in amateur sports and the money these games generated.

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Carol Driggs Wolfenbarger '61

In 1988 the Christopher Columbus Softball Tournament on July 4th was started and attracted 192 teams, each paying a \$30 entry fee. In three years, 1991, this annual tournament grew to 368 teams.

The first volleyball league was started at Schiller, and over the course of Gary's time in the department 5 large sports complexes were built; e.g. the one at Greenlawn/Berliner and one off Bethel Road. In 1986 Gary became the director of the City Sports Office. Gary was at the forefront of changes in the Sports Office. In 1972 when Gary arrived at the City's Sports Office the scheduling of all softball games at the Greenlawn (now Berliner) and other city facilities was done by hand filling in large charts with leagues, team names, dates, times, places, etc. and then mailing schedules to team managers. In 1987 the City decided that computers had arrived and that the Sports Department must move into a new era of scheduling. Gary recalls saying that the office (he) must first learn about the capabilities of computers (i.e. how they worked) before a large outlay of money was spent. Before spending \$50,000 on training, how about hiring someone for \$10,000 to design a system that would do what Gary had been doing with pencils, markers, and chart paper. (Sometimes government does listen.) The person Gary hired worked from Gary's description of what he'd done and what he needed and the first program was written. It worked! Gary says it "added 5 years to my life."

To show how busy softball season was and to show how tough it was to get a team scheduled (to get a diamond on which to play) Gary tells this story. Former Mayor Buck Reinhart approached Gary to get a slot on the schedule for a team and Parks and Recreation Director Mel Dodge also wanted to get a team in a church softball league. Gary response to the requests was, "Who do you want thrown out?" Even two of the most powerful people in city government couldn't rely on their influence to field a team on one of the 104 ball diamonds. The Sport Office was turning away 100 teams a year.

Another of Gary's recollections involves a very recognizable name in Columbus, Archie Griffin. When Archie was about 12 years old and Gary was the director at the Linden Center, Archie was showing his athletic abilities on the basketball court. This incident involves a wager of a milk shake (no NCAA rules apply to 12 year olds not yet enrolled at OSU) and Gary was a strong, fit, young man. There was to be a 40 yd. dash with Gary spotting Archie five yards. Well, this is the outcome: Archie not only beat Gary, but beat him by five yards. A vision of what was to come for Archie.

Because Gary's involvement with athletics at city parks and recreation centers stretched across 36 years as playground leader, recreation center supervisor, and lastly being in charge of the Adult Sports Office he is in a position to reflect on changes he's observed – in particular athletics for young people at city parks. Many SHSAA members will remember softball and basketball at Karns Park, at Deshler, at Schiller, at Southwood Ave. School and other parks with ball diamonds. Gary said that there was a three-tier system, a kind of farm team system, in the '50s, '60s, and '70s: public schools, the YMCA, and churches. Most high school athletes got their experience and coaching through these teams before reaching high school. Now kids are involved with sports teams that involve fees, travel, uniforms, equipment, and likely a more pervasive ranking of these young athletes.

Coaches, athlete directors, famous athletes, big time donors – these are the names of sports venues: Woody Hayes Drive, Mahaffey Stadium, Harley Field, the Schottenstein Arena. If you take a drive through Berliner Park you will find a street named for another person who's given much of his time and talent to sports. You'll find a street sign with Gary Ogle Drive, a fitting honor for a South High School Alumnus who continues to support amateur softball in Columbus through BATS, Berliner Action Team for Sports, a group that works on maintain the unique facility for the sport at Berliner Park. Thanks Gary!

More Peanuts

Carol Driggs Wolfenbarger '61 and Janet Smith '61

On a Saturday afternoon in September, 1963, their junior year at South, Susan Payne Siefert and Janet Smith ('65) were job hunting. They'd put in their applications at several downtown businesses along S. High Street - Mills Cafeteria and the Travel Shop. They were going north on High Street and reached 5 S. High. They found a whole new experience at The Peanut Shop.

They both applied. Janet was hired right away and the next week Susan was hired. Their fellow workers were some "colorful" people. Their first boss, Mr. Riser, was a little on the rough side, not very polished. Susan and Janet just tried to learn their jobs and stay out of his way. Pat, a full-time employee of the shop could be seen at times outside of the store, on the sidewalk, smoking a cigar. Four other women completed the day time crew. DonBell (always called DonBell, never just Don) was the stock boy - tall, blond, a would-be actor - would often wear the costume from the current theatrical production to work. The evening/weekend crew was Susan, Janet, and Gail (a junior from Linden McKinley).

The store management changed several weeks after Susan and Janet started to work. A new manager, Mr. C. (Mr. Chesterson from Schenectady, New York) arrived to replace Mr. Riser. Mr. C. was a short man, all business. Mr. C. lived at the Downtown YMCA till he moved his family to Columbus. In quick order The Peanut Shop was ship-shape. The store was cleaned up, the peanuts and candy were attractively displayed, and the crew knew exactly what was expected of them.

Working at the Peanut Shop required some special skills. Everyone had to know how to roast raw peanuts and cook nuts (in peanut oil and add butter and salt. In addition to peanuts and other nuts, Brach's candy was sold. Gift boxes of nuts and chocolates were hot items that we shipped for special occasions. The Deshler and Neil House Hotels were close by. Conventioneers and politicians and summer performers from Kenley Players at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium were regular customers.

In 1965 South won the State Basketball Championship and Susan, Janet, and Gail had front row seating for the Sunday afternoon parade down High Street - the impromptu, spontaneous parade organized and led by none other than Chuck Sailor on his red Vespa. The State Champion Bulldogs were downtown for a photo op with the Mayor Sensenbrenner. The parade went round the State House several times - Oh the excitement and pride of the Bulldogs! The next day, Monday evening to be exact, when Janet and Susan got to work their excitement and pride were cut short. Mr. C., whom they admired, reprimanded the girls for neglecting their Sunday store duties. They hadn't filled the display cases and completed the clean-up for Monday morning. Janet says this is a lesson she hasn't forgotten.

During their time at the Peanut Shop other Bulldogs joined them - Chuck Sailor ('64), Larry Blanton ('64), Kathy Payne Zay-Levi (Susan's sister and a member of the class of 1966), and Jo Ellen Beal ('65). On any given Saturday you could see Mr. Peanut walking up and

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down High Street. Larry was tall and made a very visible Mr. Peanut. Chuck was shorter but made up for this by his enthusiasm for the job. Chuck thought this was the best part of working at the Peanut Shop. (Ask Chuck what happened to the whole roaster of burnt peanuts, something about the fish in the Scioto eating well.)

Two more stories about DonBell: While at the Peanut Shop the *Blue Law* in Ohio was passed making it illegal to sell things on Sunday. Shortly after this law went into effect the Peanut Shop was still open on Sunday. A Columbus police cruiser with its lights flashing stopped in front of the store and the officer walked into the store. He said to Janet, “Ma’am, you’re under arrest (for selling peanuts on Sunday). Janet was shaking in her shoes, but it’s DonBell to the rescue. He steps up and tells the officer, “Arrest me, I made the sale!” So DonBell is arrested and taken to the police station until the store owners came and got him released.

Story 2 – Janet and her boss, Mr. C., share the same birthday, December 17. Janet is at home on her birthday when she gets a telephone call. It’s DonBell. “Get down here (to the store) right away!” Janet’s dad was home so he drove her downtown. They stop in front of the store, Janet gets out and DonBell greets at the door her with, “Here’s your birthday cake.”

During those years the love bug was very busy. Larry Blanton and Joyce (from the day shift) married. Chuck Sailor married Gail (from Linden McKinley). They are no longer married, but remain friends. Janet dated Mr. C.’s son Dan all through her senior year in high school. Then they went their separate ways. Dan studied music at OSU and is a pianist. Janet retired from National City Bank, now PNC.

Janet says that the couple of years she spent at the Peanut Shop truly were the best - the things she learned, the people she met and loved. Who would ever have though a walk down High Street on that September afternoon would be remembered all these years.



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New “Dawgs” In The Pound

Ruby Hoyt Arnold ‘66

Here are the newest “Dawgs” that were in the pound by the time we went to press. If you know any other pups who might enjoy reading the *Bulldog Bulletin*, and would like to be aware of the activities we report, encourage them to join and they can see their names in print too! Also remember... if you have **any** type of article or piece of information to share with other alums, those of us at the *Bulletin* are happy to help you. Contact any of us and we’ll work with you to get your input into the next edition. And thank you for continuing to support us.

1986 Keith Abel
1951 Barbara DeLong
1958 Ron Kimberly
1974 Talicha Reed
1964 Roger Stallard

1973 Peggy Adkins
1962 Walt Dupler
**** Elizabeth Moore
1943 Dwight Rife
**** John Vick

1949 Sharon Bloom
1961 Larry Flowers
1947 Dolores Pezzutti
1957 G. Don Roberts
1964 Herbert Ware

**** Class Year Unknown

SHSAA Going “Green”

Larry Latta ‘72

Several SHSAA members have asked to receive electronic issues of the *Bulldog Bulletin* in lieu of the mailed hard copies; “saving a tree” and postage expenses to the association. If you wish this service please contact Larry Latta (LATTA1013@AOL.COM).

Editorial Policy

Carol Driggs Wolfenbarger ‘61

At the June 14, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors of the South High School Alumni Association this Editorial Policy was adopted:

1. Articles for the *Bulldog Bulletin* will be edited for form, spelling, and to fit the space available in the *Bulletin*
2. Subject of articles will pertain to the broad audience of SHSAA members
3. Because of space consideration articles may be held for a later issue
4. Articles may be submitted by SHSAA members and others interested in promoting the goals of the Association
5. Publication of all articles is subject to the judgment of the editor/s

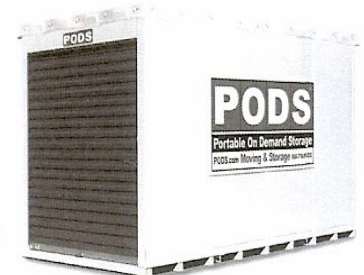
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From the Neighborhood Paper

Inaugural SHS "Spring Fling" Danny Sells ('64) presents the SHS "*Spring Fling*" for all SHS Alumni Classes, family and friends on May 14, (Saturday,) from 7pm to 1am, at the Hey Hey Bar & Grill, 361 E. Whittier Street at Bruck Street, in German Village. Sponsored by Owner, Tim Gall ('65), also a SHS Alum. There is NO advanced tickets sold nor cover charge. IT'S FREE! Everyone can buy their beverages of choice. There will be a DJ and Dancing with lots of great conversations and memories too! Please plan on attending, pass the word, and help keep the Bulldog Tradition Alive! Get rid of those "winter blues" and attend the SPRING FLING!

Class of 1956 will hold their 55th class reunion on June 25, 2011 at the Berwick Party House. For more information you can contact Roger Hackett, 1019 Meadowview Dr. Columbus, 614-267-2068, ruohack@aol.com or Charlene (Evans) Kemmerly, 2155 Ravine Woods Dr. Grove City, 614-875-6864, gkemmerly@aol.com. It will start at 4:30 pm with a social hour and cash bar. Then the class picture will be taken. The pictures will be ready to take home that night. Then dinner, ordering from the menu, then a short program and then dancing to oldies from the fifties. Everyone will pay for their own dinner. The only other cost will be for the picture. There will also be a cookbook of recipes from classmates for \$5.00.

SHS Alumni Picnic 19th Annual Picnic to be held Sunday, July 17, 2011, at the Swan Club from 12 –5 P.M. Cost is \$18.00 in advance. Please contact Marilyn Wilson Crossley (614/267-9406) for tickets or information.

TAT LUNCHEON All Classes Welcome. 3rd Wednesday of each month. 11:30-12:30. TAT at Livingston Avenue and James Road.

Please submit your announcements to Larry Latta at LATTA1013@aol.com (614/882-1519).

Alumni Association Now On Facebook

Larry Latta '72

Facebook, a social networking website launched on February 4, 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, now has over 500 million users. The South High School Alumni Association now has it's own profile page in order to better reach and serve the "South Bulldog Nation". Simply search "Columbus South High Alumni Association" for events, photos and more. You can also continue to find us on the web at www.columbussouthhighalumni.com

Obituaries

Contributed by Larry Latta '72 and Bev Oursler Truax '64

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Breakfast at Plank's on Parsons Avenue

Saturday April 30, at 9:00 A.M.

Members of the Alumni Association and anyone else with connections to South will meet for breakfast at Plank's. Join us for good food and, best of all, great conversation. David Cohen, author of "Sorry, Downtown Columbus is Closed" will be our guest speaker.

Plan to be there!

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