South High School



Pueblo's Pride

MILEPOSTS...

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Music

- •He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
- •The Sound of Music
- Mack the Knife

Movies

·Ben Hur-Oscar Award

1960

Music

- Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie
 Yellow Polka Dot Bikini
- ·Let's Do the Twist
- •Never on Sunday

Movies

- Psycho-Hitchcock
- •Exodus
- •The Apartment

1961

Music

- Moon River
- •The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- •Love Makes the World Go Around

Movies

 West Side Story-Oscar Award

Notes

•First American in space-Alan B. Shepard (7/21/61)

WE ARE FINE, WE ARE NIFTY; WE'RE THE CLASS OF 1960

The opening of a new school — South and the opening of a new decade — the '60s. Alan Takaki was the first student body president and Sandra Leri served as the first Head Girl. Senior class president was Richard Busia. Because no alumni were available for a "homecoming," Carrlyn Ward was football queen instead. Marilyn Smith was head cheerleader. Ronald Nolan designed the school flag that is still displayed today.

Pepperettes were formed as well as the pep club called Coltspurs. Drama dept. put on "Importance of Being Earnest" and "Reserve Two for Murder." Dramatists later took first in districts with a scene from "Ghosts." The follies variety show was entitled "Memories of '59."

South won the all-city football trophy the first year and sent the boys to state in basketball. Ken Hines was 180 lb. wrestling state champ and the doubles team of Karl Lund and Bill Riddle qualified for state in tennis. Warren Pickerel placed third at state and Bruce Bryan, fourth in gymnastics — they even had to buy their own uniforms.

The end of the year saw the Remuda royalty chosen by John Witcomb, a writer and illustrator. Prom theme was Bali Hi in an event leading to graduation with Clifford Laurence as valedictorian.

— David Robb

60-61

We've had kicks, we've had fun, we're the Class of '61

1961-the second year of the South dynasty. Don Ferguson was in action as student body president with Mary Ellen Belville as Head Girl. Senior class president was Jack England. Martha Samec Price was the Homecoming Queen. The dance theme was not published. The head cheerleader was Sherry Kern.

The drama department came out with "Solid Gold Cadillac" and "The Curious Savage." The follies were entitled "King Colt's Court."

The basketball and baseball teams took second in state while the golf team qualified for state. Dave Apodoca, a wrestler, took second at state.

The Remuda Royalty of '61 was chosen by Bob Cummings, a television comedian. The prom theme was "Southern Shadows." The Colts of '61 also received the Freedom Shrine from the Exchange Club.

We're real fine, We're real true, We're the Class of '62

The year opened with Sam Clay serving the student body as president, Stan Anderson as vice-president and Judy Long as secretary.

The follies was "A Date with Oscar," while the drama production was "Ten Little Indians."

Charles "Buzz" Moore was voted into the office of senior class president with Charlotte Laurence as Head Girl and Pam Phillipus as assistant Head Girl.

A magazine sales drive helped raise over \$1,000 to sponsor the first exchange student.

Valedictorian was Barbara Herwig and the Homecoming Queen was Susan Hurd. The prom theme was "Ebb Tide."

The basketball team went to state for the third time. The team became ill during the state tournament. —Ryan Waring ('90)

62-63

WE'RE THE BEST, YES SIREE, WE'RE THE CLASS OF '63

Jerry Jackson was the president of the student body with Bill Gobin serving as vice-president and Karen Johnson as secretary. Rich Riesner was the senior class president.

Charlotte Jaramillo was head Girl and Carol Roberts was her assistant. The follies was entitled "Come Fly with Me," and the drama production was "Arsenic and Old Lace." Musical production that year was "Ask any Girl."

Marcia Stjernholm was the valedictorian and Lorraine Boehm was Homecoming Queen.

John Salas took second at the state wrestling tournament. The golf team also took second and the basketball team qualified for state. — Ryan Waring ('90)

1962

Music

•Blowin' in the Wind

Movies

- •Cleopatra
- Lawrence of Arabia-Academy Award

Notes

•Marilyn Monroe dies (8/5/62)

1963

Music

- •Heat Wave
- •Puff the Magic Dragon

Movies

- •Dr. Strangelove
- •The Birds-Hitchcock
- Tom Jones-Oscar Award

Notes

•John F. Kennedy assassinated (11/22/63)

Music

- •Hello Dolly
- •I Want to Hold Your Hand
- •Dancing in the Street

Movies

- Mary Poppins
- •Goldfinger (James Bond)

1965

Music

•A Hard Day's Night

Movies

- •Dr. Zhivago
- •The Sound of Music-Academy Award

Notes

- •Malcom X assassinated (2/21/65)
- •U.S. Forces are authorized to fight in Vietnam (6/29/65)

We're real great, We've got more, We're the Class of '64

This school year would be the one for "firsts" as Joey Baird, student body president, and Mary Jo Conatore, Head Girl, reigned over South High. Bill Moore was senior class president and Louise Romero was chosen by her peers as Homecoming Queen.

The drama productions were "The Spiral Staircase" and "My Three Angels." The follies variety show was "The Time Machine."

South high "firsts" included the first additions onto the building. The traditional class ring was designed and made available; the Colt of the Week award began.

The senior class gift was the Colt emblem in the auditorium. Paul Newman, actor, made the Remuda royalty selection and Colts enjoyed "Something Oriental" for prom.

Bill Pagano and George Wilson, wrestlers, qualified for the state tournament. The golf team also qualified for state.

Valedictorian Lee Francis led seniors through the graduation ceremony of 1964. — *Jessica Cordova ('93)*

64-65

We've got spirit, We've got drive, the nifty Class of '65

In the 1964-65 school year the student body was led by president Jack Croasdell, vice president Tom Mauro, and senior class president Jack Blasing. Head Girl was Gail Klock.

Janet DiCiacco and Bill Campbell were the Remuda royalty chosen by actress Connie Stevens. Arlene Hyde was Homecoming Oueen.

The musical production that year was "Kiss me Kate." Follies was entitled "Cloak and Dagger." The two drama productions were "My Sister Eileen and" and "Shadow of Suspicion."

Highlights in athletics involved the wrestling team, which had a 12-1 dual record and sent six members to state. They also won the East Invitational and were co-champions in the district tournament.

The traditional class ring was dedicated in a special assembly in November.

The 364 graduates were led by valedictorian Kathy Phelps.

— Marnie Thornton ('90)

We're on Top, We'll have Kicks, the Mighty Class of 1966

The school year 1965-1966 opened as Sherman Jones served as student body president and Bob Lloyd was senior class president. Debbie Raso was the Head Girl. Homecoming Queen, Jessica Gonzales, reigned over the Homecoming Weekend. The theme was "Never Never Land." Joyce Caffaro was the Head Cheerleader.

"Finian's Rainbow" was the first musical ever performed at South. Drama department put on three productions that year: "Silver Whistle," "Feathertop," and "Ah Wilderness." The Follies variety show was entitled "Objection! Objection! Overruled!!" Class gift was a sundial. South's football team captured the South-Central league title. They finished best season of football in South grid history with a 7-2-2 season mark. Larry Crocrombe and Ed Greenhood went to state by placing third in the District III qualifying tennis meet.

April 1 was the date of the first experimental computer date project. This was organized for a pep dance. The end of the year saw the Remuda royalty chosen by Johnny Unitas, quarterback of the Baltimore Colts. Prom theme was "Underwater Fantasies." This lead to graduation with Mary Jane Quisenberry as valedictorian. — Jessica Cordova ('93)

66-67

We're the best this side of heaven, We're the Class of '67

Colt swimmers were city champs for the first time, starting the year off on the right foot. Tom Thompson was student body president and Katie Patterson served as Head Girl. Homecoming theme was "Autumn Carousel" with Diane Woods as queen.

Drama department performed "Thieve's Carnival." The Follies variety show was entitled "King Colt."

Sal Santos, and Sherman Jones, all qualified for state track. Five members of the golf team also qualified for state.

As the year drew to a close, Remuda Royalty was chosen by the Air Force Academy Cadets.

Prom theme was "Three Coins in a Fountain" Valedictorian was Mary Jane Quisenberry, representing the 421 students who graduated. —April Brown ('93)

1966

Music

- •Born Free
- •Man of La Mancha

Movies

- •Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
- •A Man For All Seasons-Oscar Award

Notes

- Reagan is elected Governor of California (11/8/66)
- •Walt Disney dies of cancer, age 65 (12/15/66)

1967

Music

- •All You Need is Love
- Ruby Tuesday

Movies

- •The Taming of the Shrew
- The Graduate
- •In the Heat of the Night
- ·Barbarella-Jane Fonda

Notes

- •First heart transplant, Louis Washlansky (12/21/67)
- Microwave introduced

Music

- •I Heard It Through the Grapevine
- •Dock of the Bay
- •Mrs. Robinson

Movies

- •2001: A Space Odyssey
- Oliver-Oscar Award
- •The Odd Couple

Notes

- •Martin Luther King assasinated (4/5/68)
- •Tommy Smith and John Carlos, Olympic Medalists, lost medals and were suspended in The Olympic Games for giving a black power salute during the national anthem. (10/27/68)

1969

Music

- •Hair
- Come Together

Movies

- •Easy Rider
- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
- Midnight Cowboy-Oscar Award

Notes

- •Woodstock (8/17/69)
- •Nolan Ryan pitches and wins Met's first World Series (10/16/69)
- •Charles Manson arrested (12/24/69)

We're the finest up to date; the Mighty Class of '68

A beginning of a new school year and 1968's student body president was Cliff Bartell. Barbara Phelps served as the eighth Head Girl. The senior class president was John St Vrain. For the Homecoming Queen, Cindy Elm was chosen to have that honor. Connie Gregg was Head Cheerleader.

"Deadwood Dick" was South's first melodrama. Drama department put on "Mammon and Archer." The music production of 1968 was "Good News." "Give My Regards to Broadway" was the Follies variety show.

Golf team took South's first state championship while cross country took 2nd in state. Golf team members included Steve Linnerson, Dave Kikel, Jim Belcher and Rick Pobst. Dave Blagg and Charlie Wilson wrestled against a Japanese National Team. A South High football game was cancelled on account of rain, a first for South.

Diane Heuchemer was named Most Valuable Student and also reigned as valedictorian. Remuda royalty was chosen by Charles Schultz, cartoonist. Seniors danced their way to graduation at "Tahitian Midnight" prom. —Kathy Robertson ('90)

68-69

We're the Greatest of All Time, We're the Class of '69

The school year 1968-1969 opened with Chris Taravella as student body president and Donna Askew as Head Girl. Senior class president was Roxy Carleo. Sally Reivitt was selected Homecoming Queen along with acting as Head Cheerleader.

Social studies teacher Darrell Wilks passed away and the Colt Corral was started in his honor. Senior Mike Lindberg, attended a conference on atoms in Chicago, Illinois. The drama department put on "Mother is a Freshman" and Rebel Without a Cause." The Follies variety show was entitled "Days of Future Past."

South High School had three team state champions: girls' tennis, girls' basketball and thegolf team.

Remuda royalty was chosen by the famous comedienne/actress, Ms. Phyllis Diller. Prom theme was "Knights in White Satin" an event that was followed by the graduation of the senior class. Chris Taravella lead the graduation as the valedictorian for the class of 1969.

—Chris King ('90)

We're the best, Can't you see, We're the Class of '70

The school year that was — 1969-1970. Nixon was president, the war in Vietnam was still going strong, man set foot on the moon, everone was still recovering from Woodstock, and Pueblo South High was ten years old.

Nationally, other than the war, pollution became worse, Senator Edward Kennedy's car plunged into a pond at Chappaquiddick Island with Mary Jo Kopeckne inside, and the Beatles broke up after selling their 330,000,000th album. ("We'll be lucky if we last three months." John Lennon)

Locally, the Sangre de Cristo Art and Conference center began construction. Costing \$1.5 million dollars (1970 dollars!) to build, the center offers classes in art, dancing, and drama to students.

The \$810,000 South received from the \$15.9 million bond issue passed in '69 allowed expansion of the school to include a ninth grade as well as the addition of a swimming pool. (Which led, inevitably to the addition of the swimming graduation requirement.)

Side burns were quite popular during the year and movie ratings reared their heads (again).

On a more "in school" note, counselor Bob Imes was appointed to the White House Conference on Children and Youth and the school newspaper, the ROUND-UP, became the school newsmagazine.

Gaining state and national recognition were one woman and a ring. Angela Miller, a foreign exchange student from Germany, won a position in the All State Honor Orchestra while the South High class ring received recognition from Jostens-Autrey representatives who used the rings as samples nationwide.

Athletically, SHS took city or district championships in tennis, boys' basketball, wrestling and swimming; however, not one South High athelete became a state champion in the '69-'70 school year.

The 1969-'70 school year marked the year when Principal David A. Wilkerson left South to complete his doctorate.

-LLWardIII

1970

Music

- •Let It Be
- •ABC
- •I'll Be There
- •The Tears of a Clown

Movies

- •True Grit
- Topaz-Hitchcock

Notes

- •Kent State University-four students were killed and eight others wounded when National Guardsmen fired into a crowd of protestors.
- •Jimi Hendrix, age 27, dies of drug related causes (9/18/70)
- •Janis Joplin, age 27, dies because of drugs (10/4/70)

Music

- •Jesus Christ Superstar
- •Joy to the World
- Three Dog Night
- •Stairway to Heaven

Movies

- •A Clockwork Orange
- •The French Connection

Notes

•Charles Manson sentenced to death (3/29/71)

1972

Music

•I Am Woman

Movies

- Cabaret
- •The Godfather

Notes

 Arabs massacre 11 Israeli Olympians in Munich, West Germany

We're the finest yet to come, Mighty Class of '71

Student body president was Scott Williamson and senior class president was Clint Sly. Head Girl for the year was Karen Fognani. "Wonderful World of Disney" was the Homecoming theme and Cheryl Higdon was Homecoming Queen. Mary West and Steve Wyatt were the Head Cheerleaders.

The school Follies was "Thank You, Oscar." "We Have Always Lived in the Castle" was the drama production and the musical "Music Man" was produced as well.

South had several individual state qualifiers for the year. South had seven cross country qualifiers: Keith Rush, Doug Phelps, Joe Franco, Leroy Santistevan, John Quigle, Bruce Vining and Frank Ramirez. Two wrestlers qualified for state. They were Dan Mandarich and Porfi Arrieta. Tennis state qualifiers were Joel Hertzog, Steve Wilson, Lee Quisenberry, Lynn Belcher and Richard Chanick. Ray Patti was the only state qualifier for diving. State qualifier for swimming was Ken Pearson.

As the end of the year came Remuda royalty was picked by actress E. J. Peaker. Serving as valedictorian for the year was Butch Saltzgaver. —Sandi Sanchez ('92)

71-72

We're number 1 in all we do, We're the Class of '72

The seniors of the 1971-1972 school year started the year off in high spirits as the legal age to vote in the United States was lowered to 18. Leading the Colts was student body president Roxy Piganell. The senior class president was Keith Wilhite and leading Girls' Cabinet was Debbie D'Christina. Kathy Graham reigned over Homecoming. The theme for Homecoming was entitled "Mardi Gras."

The pep club, the Colt Spurs, the cheerleaders and Pepperettes all cheered on the varsity basketball team as they took second place in the South/Central league. Dan Mandarich qualified for state in wrestling.

The drama club presented their version of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" in the fall under the direction of Mrs. Mary Jo Sherman. Later in the spring the musical "The Matchmaker" was produced.

The end of the year came, and the Remuda royalty was chosen by Brandon Cruz and Bill Bixby, the Remuda celebrities. Lynn Overstake was class valedictorian. —Kari Stout ('92)

WE ARE GREAT, IT'S PLAIN TO SEE, WE'RE THE CLASS OF '73

During the year of 1973 students were interested in the efforts to gain peace in Vietnam. Student body president was Mike Taravella and Rosalie Kakalecik served throughout the year as Head Girl. The senior class president was Greg Smith and the title of Homecoming Queen was awarded to Kim Crank.

The drama department put on a production of "The Miracle Worker" and follies variety show was entitled "Under the South Seas."

South had two championship teams in 1973. The boys' basketball team returned from state with the state consolation championship. The girls' swim team also came away with the city championship.

Nearing graduation the Remuda royalty was chosen by the Atlanta Hawks own Pistol Pete Maravich. The class of 1973's valedictorian was Mark Dickson. —Steve Clay ('90)

73-74

PRIDE AND SPIRIT, WE'VE GOT MORE, THE MIGHTY CLASS OF '74

The 1973-1974 school year began with a new student body president Jack Mador. The Head Girl this year was Joann Foder. With the theme "Disneyland at South," Paula Wyatt was elected Homecoming Queen.

Drama classes put on two plays entitled "Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon" and "The Crucible."

For Eve Rhinehart it was a big year in gymnastics, as she became South's first girl to place in a state meet. Also going to state was the boys' tennis team, who placed third overall. The girls' swim team placed third in the city meet and sent thirteen girls to state.

Remuda Queen Lu Ann Nigro and other Remuda royalty were chosen by singer John Denver.

The school year ended with the prom, "Just You and Me," followed by graduation, which was highlighted by Mary Kay Longfield's valedictory speech.—Cory Richert ('93)

1973

Music

- •Tie a Yellow Ribbon Around the Old Oak Tree
- •You Are the Sunshine in My Life

Movies

- •TheSting
 - -Academy Award
- •The Way We Were

Notes

- •U.S. agrees to stop fighting in Vietnam
- •TV's All in the Family

1974

Music

- •I Shot the Sheriff
- •The Way We Were

Movies

- •Chinatown
- •The Godfather II
- -Academy Award

Notes

- •Patti Hearst is abducted (2/23/74)
- •Nixon resigns (8/8/74)
- •Duke Ellington dies at age 75

Music

 Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Movies

- Jaws
- •The Sunshine Boys
- •One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

1976

Music

- Silly Love Songs
- •Tonight's the Night

Movies

- Rocky
- •Face To Face
- •The Enforcer

WRE THE GREATEST COLTS ALIVE, WE'RE THE CLASS OF '75

Student body president Kevin Collins and Head Girl Jolene Bragazzi provided leadership for the Colts. Nancy Sajbel, Pepperette, ROUND-UP issue editor, and active Student Council member, pulled in the most votes for Homecoming Queen, and reigned over the "Back Home Again" festivities. Gerri Gonacha was the Head Cheerleader.

The drama club put on "Romeo and Juliet." The boys' tennis team took 2nd at state, as did the boys' basketball team. Key Club continued work on its beautification project which included benches and landscaping in the front of the school.

Girls' basketball began this year and girls also received the right to compete for officer positions in ROTC. They also were allowed spots on ROTC's Color Guard, drill teams and rifle team.

New lettering on the building, refinished tennis courts, a fully grassed baseball field, additions to the gynastics team's auxiliary gym, portable classroom, and new media center and swimming pool greeted students.

Jamie Murray attended Girls' State and Girls' Nation. Remuda royalty were chosen by Tony Orlando. The prom theme was "Lost in a Dream" and Bob Fitterman was valedictorian.

-Kathy Robertson ('90)

75-76

WE ARE THE CLASS WITH ALL THE KICKS, SOUTH HIGH COLTS OF '76

The school, now sixteen years old, was half way through the era of the 1970's. The GPA (Grade Point Average) system was first introduced and a Civil War cannon was bought by South's and East's Key Clubs to be used as a trophy between the two schools football teams. Scott Bridgman served as student body president while Susie Aguilera served as Head Girl. Homecoming, "Holding Onto Yesterday," was a special moment for Connie Dillow as she became the Homecoming Queen.

Drama department with vocal and instrumental departments presented the production "The Yankee Doodle." Drama then by itself put on "Diary of Anne Frank."

Girls' tennis team took 2nd at state while the golf team took 7th at state. FBLA won two national awards.

The end of the year was topped off as Seals and Crofts chose the Remuda royalty. Prom theme was "Dream Weaver" in an event leading to graduation with Cindy Bard as valedictorian.

—Diana Swope ('90)

We're number 1 and really livin', South High Colts of '77

The 1976-77 school year, led by Student Body President Bonnie Collins, and Vice-President Tami Bassetti, was a famous one, as the South-East cannon made its first home at South when the Colts won it in the inaugural game 27-21.

The women lead this year, proven by the election of Senior President Jen Addair, Head Girl Vonni Valdez, and winner Jody Bongirno in DECA nationals.

Kim Brown was crowned Homecoming Queen. The theme was "Searching for a Rainbow."

Students put on the musical production "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "The Incredible Incident of Carson Corners."

The Remuda celebrity was America and students welcomed the prom theme "The Times of Your Life."

The curtain dropped after 481 graduates watched Dana Brummer and Sherri Dalvit give their valedictory speeches.

—Cory Richert ('93)

77-78

We're on top because we're great, South High Colts of '78

The school year 1977-1978 was a year that gave life to disco, classic vans, and Star Wars.

The year began with another victorious Homecoming game against Coronado. Homecoming theme was "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Junior Mary Hiza served as the Colorado FBLA president and attended the National FBLA Presidental Conference in Washington D.C. She also attended the FBLA nationals in San Francisco.

Tom Wilson, senior, qualified for the VICA National Skill Olympics held in Birmingham, Alabama.

Senior Joe Ore placed first in the 126 lb division at the state wrestling championships in Denver. Melody McBride, sophomore, won the girls' state diving title.

The Remuda royalty was chosen by celebrities of a different kind. The professional basketball team, the Denver Nuggets, chose the royalty.

Valedictorian Laurie Stefanic led the graduates of 1978 through the commencement ceremonies at the Massari Gym at U.S.C. (Graduation was held at U.S.C since District #60 stadium was being renovated) — Ginger Herrera ('93)

1977

Music

- •You Light Up My Life
- •Hotel California

Movies

- •Star Wars
- Saturday Night Fever

Notes

- •Elvis Presley dies at age 42 (8/16/77)
- •TV's Happy Days

1978

Music

•Stayin' Alive

Movies

- •Grease
- Animal House
- •The Deer Hunter
- •Superman

Notes

- •Dallas defeats Denver 27-10 in Super Bowl XII
- •909 followers of Rev. Jim Jones commit mass suicide (11/29/78)
- •First test tube baby (7/25/78)

Music

- •I'll Never Love This Way Again
- •My Sharona

Movies

- Apocalypse Now
- •Kramer vs. Kramer
- Alien

Notes

- •Iran seizes U.S. Embassy, holds 49 hostage (11/26/79)
- •John Wayne dies at age 72 (6/11/79)

1980

Music

- Starting Over
- •The Rose

Movies

- •Raging Bull
- •Coal Miner's Daughter

Notes

•Helicopter rescue of American hostages in Tehran ends in disaster (4/28/80)

IN SOUTH HIGH YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND; PRIDE AND SPIRIT OF '79

Jeff Hiat was chosen student body president and Head Girl was Kathy Walker. Senior class president was Bill Delmonte. Leading the fans of the Homecoming game in both smiles and cheers were Queen Janet Fodor and Head Cheerleader Yolanda Vigil.

The drama department put on "Twelve Angry Jurors" and "Spoon River Anthology." The final drama presentation was "The Lottery." The follies variety show was "Blue Light Special."

State qualifiers in swimming were Melody McBride, Kelly McBride and Lori Gilliland; in gymnastics, Renee Tom, Patti Swath, April Kalb and Stephanie Poole.

Scott Wilshire, Eric Ervin, Mark Tom and Scott Kurtz were state qualifiers on the relay swimming team. Curt Topping was the state champion in wrestling, 138 lb. class, and later became a national record holder. Charles Garcia was ranked third in state in wrestling and he took the state champion consolation. Ed Reinert was the state champion in the heavyweight wrestling class and he was on the all state offensive team in football. State diving champion was Melody McBride. Boys' state diving qualifier was Charlie Armijo. The varsity golf team consisting of Steve Iran, Paul Boucher, Jim Brooks and Kevin Chapman took the state title.

The celebrity who chose Remuda royalty was Ron Palillo. Prom theme was "Could It Be The Magic" followed by co-valedictorians Debbie Dalvit, Peggy Swath and Ron Schlabach at graduation.

— Annette Steward ('90)

79-80

We're the Class with pep and go, South High Colts of Big Eight-O

Advanced Placement tests were offered for the first time. Robin Rice was student body president and Kellie Reid served as Head Girl. Homecoming theme was "Freedom for the Stallion" with Melody McBride as Queen.

Drama department performed "A Thousand Clowns." The follies variety show was entitled "Tuesday Night Live."

Curt Topping won the individual State wrestling championship at 180 lbs. Mike Purcell, Kirk Erwin, Scott Wilshire, and Brett Renck were boys' swimming state qualifiers. Melody McBride, Tammy Hanrick, Robin Rice, Michelle Simon, and Michelle Scaplo were girls' swimming State qualifiers.

The end of the year saw Remuda royalty chosen by Sam Rutigliano, a defensive coach for the Cleveland Browns. Prom theme was "When Will I See You Again?" Graduation co-valedictorians were Karen Brummer, Shari Mace, and Robert Morris.

— April Brown ('92)

We're the best Colts to come, South High's Class of '81

The launching of a new space shuttle—Columbia; the beginning of another school year—South. In this year Linda Morgan led the Colts as student body president and Cathy Blakely was senior class president. Head Girl was Elaine Rickwalt, and Head Cheerleader was Diane Janezich. The Homecoming theme was "The Rainbow Connection," and Kim Watkins was Queen.

During this year the drama department put on "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man In the Moon Marrigolds," and "Arsenic and Old Lace." Also this year there was a musical production of "Hanged in Your Own Family Tree."

The Colts had a busy year in sports. The cross country team qualified for state, and many other individuals also qualified. Among these qualifiers were Patty Swath in gymnastics, T.J. Aguilera in tennis, Lou Fosseco in golf, and Rene Tom in gymnastics. Also this year, Gail Garoutte was class valedictorian.

—Robert Sears ('90)

81-82

HEY WATCH OUT, WE'RE COMING THROUGH; THE SOUTH HIGH COLTS OF '82

The 1981-1982 school year saw Chris Yates as student body president. Head Girl was Kay Wallin. Senior class president was Frank Taulli. Homecoming theme was "The Rainbow Connection" and Karen Luna was crowned Homecoming Queen. Lisa Thomas was Head Cheerleader.

The senior class gift was the horseshoe statue that is located in the front of the school today.

The drama department put on the productions of "Blithe Spirit" and "Noah's Animals," and "Dark of the Moon" was the spring play.

The girls' basketball team went to state and took first place. Kay Wallin for volleyball, and Sharon Morgan and Mary Oreskovich for girls' swimming qualified for state.

The Remuda Queen was Sharon Creighton. The year ended with Sandra Dalvit as valedictorian. — Becca VanderLinden ('90)

1981

Music

- Breaking Away
- •Betty Davis Eyes

Movies

- Chariots of Fire
- On Golden Pond
- •Reds

Notes

•AIDS identified as a new disease

1982

Music

- •Truly
- •Ebony and Ivory

Movies

- Tootsie
- •Gandhi

Music

- •Beat It
- •Flashdance

Movies

- •Tender Mercies
- •Terms of Endearment

Notes

•U.S. invades Grenada (10/31/83)

1984

Music

- •Jump
- Against All Odds

Movies

- •The Killing Fields
- Amadeus

PROUD FOREVER WE WILL BE, SOUTH HIGH COLTS OF '83

The student body president was Nick Ricotta and Renee Martinez was head girl.

The senior class officers were: Brian Smith, pres.; Paula Davis, vice-pres.; and Jamie Pleas, sec.-treas; Junior class officers were: Renee Rhodes, pres.; Debbie Engler, vice-pres; and Sheryl Benko, sec.-treas. Sophomore officers were: Jeanine Cisneros, pres.; Steve Connell, vice-pres.; and Dee Dee Yates, sec.-treas. Freshman officers were: Michelle Marino, pres.; Alison Ward, vice-pres.; and Tom Courtney, sec-treas.

The Homecoming Queen was Terri Young who also was head cheerleader.

The drama production was "Up the Down Staircase."

Ronda Bonan, Matt Cline, Corrina Jones, Kimberly Jones, Frances Vallejo and Nick Ricotta were the six valedictorians.

A stained glass window was the senior class gift to the school.

—Nicole Schooley ('90)

83-84

PRIDE AND SPIRIT, WE'VE GOT MORE, SOUTH HIGH COLTS OF '84

This was South High School's 25th anniversary. For 25 years the Colts of South High school stood singing the school song, proudly wearing black and white. They sported everything from hats to bumper stickers with a Colt emblem on it.

The student body president was Jim Sajbel and Susan Cabibi was Head Girl. The senior class officers were Stacy Marich, pres., Debbie Hart, vice-pres.; and Debbie English, secretary-treasurer.

The Homecoming theme was "Saturday in the Park" and Stacy Marich was the Homecoming Queen. Varsity cheerleader, Heather Poole, was selected to perform in the Aloha Bowl.

The Spring Drama was "The Crucible." "Midnight and Roses" was the prom theme.

Nick Riggio, Barry Benavidez, Jill Kristan, Daniel Puente, Tony Kreusch and Debbie Neubaum were the six co-valedictorians.

The class presented the school with a planter as their gift.

The passing of senior Dion Gonzales touched a place deep inside many students. Along with being a letterman on the varsity football team and a member of the wrestling team, his most prominent achievement was being designated as a brown belt in Karate.

—Jarrod Diaz ('92)

PRIDE AND SPIRIT COME ALIVE, SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF '85

In 1985 there were some great triumphs and some great tragedies. Charles Carmichael was individual state rifle champ in prone and offhand. The rifle team as a whole took state also.

Boys' baseball team captured a state victory in the 3A division. High Marching Band took top honors in the Band Masters Association State competition in the 4A division. They also took 1st in the 4A division at Woodland Park and received the Sweepstakes Award at the CBA regionals. Tony Herrera, drum major, received 1st place drum major at Woodland Park and at the CBA regionals. It was decided to divide Student Council into two groups starting the next year.

South's halls were darkened during this year with the deaths of six of its students. Steve Connell, Mike Hoffman, Keith Parker, Jeff Pearson, Cherie Manzanares, and Loretta Montoya. Steve Connell was Student Body President and an All-State football player, a scholarship was started in his name by his mother, Cathy Connell and football coach, Pat Smith. An airband contest is also held each year in Steve's name to raise money. A scholarship for photography and drafting was started in Jeff Pearson's name by his mother. —Cupert Lira ('90)

85-86

SPIRIT AND PRIDE WITH EXTRA KICKS, WE'RE THE CLASS OF BIG '86

The Colts of 1986 kicked off the year with student body president Seth King and vice-president Carrie Connell and Head Girl Colleen Beauvais. Mark Luna was senior president and Head Cheerleader was Pam Pando. Lisa Velasco was the Homecoming Queen reigning over the theme of "Visions."

The drama productions were "Scratch" and the "Music Man." "Music Man" was to help raise money for the new sound system in the auditorium.

Tim Urenda, wrestling at 138 lbs, joined South's Wrestling Hall of Fame by beating a two-time state champ to capture the state crown. Souths' band became the only band ever in the history of Colorado to win back-to back state titles in field competition, and was even invited to play for Vice-President George Bush upon his visit to Pueblo.

The school day was lengthened from 2:10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. due to state regulations. The prom theme was "Masquerade" and the valedictorian was Nan Wainwright.

-Manuel Gonzales ('90)

1985

Music

•We Are The World

Movies

•Prizzi's Honor

1986

Music

•That's What Friends Are For

Movies

- Agnes of God
- •Hannah and Her Sisters

Notes

 Space Shuttle Challenger explodes (1/31/86)

Music

•The Joshua Tree

Movies

- •The Dead
- •The Untouchables

Notes

•Young German pilot lands in Red Square (5/30/87)

1988

Music

- •Don't Worry, Be Happy-Bobby McFarren
- •Welcome to the Jungle-Guns 'N Roses

Movies

- •Hellraiser
- Cocktail
- •Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

Notes

•Fires blaze for over three months in Yellowstone National Park

SO MUCH TO OFFER, SO MUCH TO GIVE, THE CLASS OF '87 IS MOVIN' ON IN

1987, the Colts' twenty-eighth year in existence, was headed by Carrie Connell, student body president. Kamron Dorland served as Head Girl. Senior class president was Mindy Stein. Kathy Macaluso was elected as Homecoming Queen. Jill Acosta was Head Cheerleader.

Students witnessed the return of "Pegasus" as well as being introduced to the first ever boys' soccer team at South. Drama department put on the plays: "Roman Conquest" and "Harvey." A mural in senior hall was painted by Key Club.

The cannon boomed black and South sent representaives to state in more than ten sports. Randy Thompson was the state champ in the 100 yd. butterfly in swimming. Clyde Himes was the CSHSRA steer wrestling state champ. Carl Thomas was second in state in boys' tennis singles. Erin Bonham placed fourth in wrestling at 126 lbs.

The end of the year came only to see an active senior class pass. The prom theme was "Carousel" which was soon followed by graduation with Toni Thomas and Kent Muckel as co-valedictorians.

—*David Diaz ('90)*

87-88

Our pride and spirit are really great; South High Class of '88

The year 1988 was a better year for the seniors of South High School than for Oliver North and the Iran-Contra Affair. Student body president was Judi Diaz and Lisa Scarborough was elected Head Girl. Senior class president was Kyndra Kraus and the Head Cheerleader was Tina Ehlan.

Dramatists put on "Bye, Bye Birdie" and repeated a play from the first year of South High School, "The Importance of Being Earnest." Marching band went to Phoenix, Arizona over Christmas vacation to march in the Fiesta Bowl. South High School's marching band also marched in a Denver Bronco game.

Rifle Team took state and was led by sophomore Jason Hill who ranked second overall. Mark Sandusky made all-state orchestra and Mark Glaze made Boys' Nation.

The prom theme was "A Moment in a Dream." This led into graduation with valedictorian Paul Alfonso.

—Mike Hackler ('90)

SEE OUR SPIRIT, WATCH IT SHINE, SOUTH HIGH COLTS OF '89

The student body showed their greatness by predicting a George Bush victory with the results of their first mock presidential election. Les Ward was the student body president and Darlene Evetts served as the Head Girl. Gina Aragon was Homecoming Queen. Katie Kelly was the Head Cheerleader.

The auditorium went through \$170,000 of renovation. The musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," was the first to utilize the state of the art equipment.

Alfie Kottenstette, at 152 pounds, placed third at the state wrestling tournament. The girls' basketball team took districts and later took fourth place at state. Curt Gray took first place for his prepared speech in the VICA state competition. Chris Panion, involved in the Insurance competition, was a state champ for D.E.C.A.

Marcy Wainwright was valedictorian. The year ended while a decade came to a close. Yet the prom theme, "Never Tear Us Apart," expressed the innermost feelings of the class of 1989.

—Ryan Flores ('90)

89-90

We're the class so strong and mighty, We're the class of 1990

The school year 1989-1990 commenced with W. Chris King as student body president and Colleen Brennan as Head Girl. Senior class president was Kevin Velarde. The student body selected Jaelee Blasing as Homecoming Queen.

In February some 250 students demonstrated against the attendance/tardy policy. The landscaping was completed around the school, and a girls' softball program was initiated. Another new event was the beginning of seasonal cheerleaders.

The musical production was entitled "The Little Match Girl," and the drama department put on "Mystery of Edwin Drood." Chris Panion was honored as DECA individual state champion. Jason Hill took an individual first place finish in the State Rifle Match. The South football team qualified for state with an 11-0 record as well as set numerous school records.

The end of the year was full of activities. Prom them was "Emerald Enchantment," followed by the graduation of the senior class. Dawn Ebach lead graduation as the valedictorian for the class of 1990. —Chris King ('90)

1989

Music

- •Rattle and Hum- U2
- •Forever Your Girl-Paula Abdul

Movies

- •Batman
- Pet Semetary

Notes

- Manuel Noriega captured during Panama invasion
- •Berlin wall crumbles
- •Student uprising in Beijing, China

1990

Music

- •Higher Ground- Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Anytime- MSG

Movies

- •Born on the Fourth of July
- Driving Miss Daisy

Notes

- •CU professor wins Nobel Prize
- •Nelson Mandela freed from South African prison

Cheerleaders

The first cheerleaders at South were formed the first year South was opened. The cheerleaders were sponsored by Mrs. Charlotte Gallegos (Slaughter). The cheerleaders were chosen during spring tryouts. All sophomore girls with "C" averages were available for tryouts for the squad. The faculty would select the five top girls from tryouts, and they would be the varsity cheerleaders. Judging was based on poise, appearance, grace, and ability.

Today the girls still tryout in the spring, and are judged for basically the same attributes as they were in the past. Mr. Alfred Valliant, the present sponsor, of the cheerleaders stated, "The cheerleaders have always done well. They have constantly won at state competitions and are well known because they always do a good job." — Pam Scutti ('90)

Pepperettes

The Pepperettes were formed in 1961. They were first sponsored by Mrs. Charlotte Gallegos (Slaughter) and Ms. Phyllis Thompson.

Their purpose was to be a performing spirit group. They were to entertain crowds with half-time shows at football and basketball games. And in the early days they performed to live band music.

The sponsor of the Pepperettes from 1965 to 1985 was Mrs. Betty Gjerde. Mrs. Gjerde noted, "The poms and band worked together. They would play the kind of music we liked, and we would perform to it. We worked together. We never performed without the band."

Mrs. Gjerde was very active with the Pepperettes. She choreographed formations, kept the girls in order, and even fought for the length of the skirts to be shortened from half length to the length they are now.

The current sponsor of the Pepperetes is Mr. Alfred Valiant. Mr. Valiant remarked, "The group was the first of its kind in Pueblo. The Pepperettes were formed, and from their example came the other dance groups in Pueblo high schools."

Today the Pepperettes style has changed form those first years. They perform to some band music during the football season. But mostly they perform to music they pick from tapes. They choreograph their own dance moves and formations. — Pam Scutti ('90)

Wrestlerettes

In 1973 a group of girls who wanted to support the wrestling team got together and formed Mat-Mates. The purpose of the group was to act as a squad of team managers and a support group for the wrestling team.

Mr. Alfred Valiant explained, "They were not formed to cheer or to perform dance routines. They were formed to help with the score board at the wrestling matches and give moral support to the wrestlers." Mr. Valiant add, "I was the sponsor of the Mat-Mates in early 1970's."

The Mate-Mates name was changed to Wrestlerettes in 1981. The current sponsor of the Wrestlerettes is Mrs. Kathy Thomson. —Pam Scutti ('90)



Arvin "Doc" Schwarze

"Quality is job 1" may be a slogan for an auto manufacturer today, but it was a way of life for all those entering "Doc" Schwarze's graphic arts classes from 1962 to 1983.

He expected quality from every student every time. "If the kids made a mistake, they would do the job over. They'd say 'who is going to read it anyhow.' I'd say that I knew the difference and so did they. That's all that counted. Then they'd be happy because it looked good," he stated.

Almost every former student remembers the SLAP of the yardstick on a desk, table, whatever was handy when Schwarze wanted to make a point. But all of his students were party to the most important of his philosophies: in some way make every student feel important every day.

A favorite project of his was a yearly series of lessons he taught to Ray Miller's American history classes.

"It started out with two, then three, then four days. Miller would bring students up to World War II from the American point of view. Many students remember the Japanese garb he dressed them in or the seaweed crackers and octopus he served as part of the lesson.

Perhaps that is why he considers that all of the years were golden years." I am one of the lucky guys that found a profession that I could enjoy and work with for years," he concluded. —David Robb

Ray Miller



Mr. Raymond Miller began teaching at South High School in 1959 and retired in 1981. Mr. Miller recalled many memories of South, most he states, are good.

Mr. Miller was the social studies department chairman and also was asked by Principal Wilkerson to start a student council at South. Mr. Miller recalled, "You can bet that when those students found out they were going to have to go to South they were not happy.

"Our job was to get them excited about going to South. The student council elections were held at Central and the elections got many of the students excited about going to South." Pep Club also had a lot to do with getting kids involved at South because there were about 300 girls in pep club.

The original plans for the school included a planetarium but they were afraid it would "look like a gear shift knob" and it was never built. He said that at this time there was no outside metal gym, no pool and no media center.

According to Mr. Miller the bullpen earned its name because "Mr. Wilkerson got locked out there one time. We were leaving and were halfway down the hall when we heard him out there. When he got out he said, 'I never want to be locked in that bullpen again!' and that's how it got its name."

Rules, regulations, and maps were handed out the first day of school. Mr. Miller stated proudly, "In the beginning we didn't even have to put down a dress code on the rules and regulations. We simply put that South High students should dress as though they are proud of South. For a lot of years we never had any problems." — Robyn Juba ('91)

A conversation with Warren Carere,

Warren Carere

South High's third Principal

R: What was the transition like, coming to South?

C: The biggest one was attitude. I had to change from wearing the black hat when I came to South. I no longer had to carry the big stick of the disciplinarian, but it was easy to give that up - being stern and firm. When I first came to South, Ray Brunjak told me, "I know you are a graduate of Central and loved it, but you'll learn to love South, That's one of the first remarks he made to me. It wasn't long after that before I told him 'You're right, I do love it here.'



Ray and I have been friends since we were seven years old, and it was nice to have Ray be a disciplinarian for me. He and Bill Hrutky. Bill had been my AP at Central during the year I was principal. When I moved back to AP, Bill moved to South and I followed him a year later. It made it much easier having those two here with me.

I'll never forget my first faculty meeting. I had been thinking about black and white and then I said, 'Welcome back to Central.'

R: What were the greatest challenges while you were at South?

C: One was simply the building. We were overcrowded with 2,300 students. We were maxed out — using the portables; we'd gone to a seven-period day just to get all the kids here We had lots of traveling teachers and four lunches. We had two assemblies. It was very overcrowded.

I screamed and yelled enough. I saw the cafeteria and the commons enlarged. I tried very hard to get the boys' and girls' physical education facilities expanded. That was never achieved. Remember, when I came to South we didn't have any girls sports. Soon after we introduced them and the district went from to 12 to 16 to 19 sports now.

I was also extremely challenged to attack the drug and alcohol problem that was becoming cancerous. I learned that we had alcoholic freshmen and students addicted to LSD. Realizing that 5 days suspension wasn't enough, I introduced a committee of parents and we met once a week in Room 38 the entire year of 77-78. We compiled data from schools across the state.

I wrote one letter and we had 300 parents show up in the gym. I was so overwhelmed, so awed to see that much parent support. I am proud to boast that the parents at South High School introduced to Dist. # 60 the drug and alcohol policy that is still in place today, even though it has been revised.

R: Wasn't this about the time a lot of RIFs took place?

C: That was very difficult., one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do — selecting a person's strengths, considering program, coaching, all very difficult to appraise. I had to RIF seven or nine at semester. I had to call them in — we wept together. No matter who you picked, it was a heartache.

R: How much time does a principal have to devote to being a curricular leader?

C: I have found that in 17 years that was the most difficult to do. I think that my first first charge as a principal is to be a manager, to get a team in place to control the school. You must have discipline or you will not have a learning environment and learning will not take place. If there is no support for teachers in the main office, the kids will soon find out. Learning can't take place if if the teachers don't know that they will have support when they send a kid to the office.

I think after nine years, when I left South it was a prestigious school where learning did take place and kids were not threatened or intimidated.

R: What is your most striking memory of being at South?

C: That's easy, but it's probably not what you think. It was at the senior awards assembly in 1982. After being backstage watching the program, Student Body President Chris Yates called me out to the podium and told me that they had named the commons area after me. I was so shocked and stunned.

Later I found out that they hadn't gone through any channels, they just arbitrarily decided to name it after me — no one at the ad building knew. A while later I went to a meeting with Dr. Schoo and Joe McCloskey to form a policy on naming facilities after staff. Chris Yates really started that policy without even knowing it. That's a very fond memory, very meaningful to me. Every time I walk into South I look up at that sign. Later I was instrumental in naming Ed Lesar Hall at Central.

R: How do you envision the high school of the future?

C: Gradually I have seen education change to the point where the school is raising the kids more and more. Kids are coming to school with low self-esteem, no motivation, and most importantly, no love. They're coming with confused minds because of a promiscuous society that has an adult generation without role models, they're seeing hypocrisy, being influenced by TV and their peers. They're not really finding and identifying a stable path, not all students but a good portion.

Therefore new programs have had to be introduced. We have the charge to educate all from the severely handicapped, from all home environment. We have placed a heavier burden on the teacher who must also be accountable. Teachers face problems that they haven't been trained or conditioned even to identify, let alone deal with. Society looks upon us to do it all but doesn't want to help us financially. We're expected to to a champagne par excellence job but on a beer budget.

R: Aren't you the first board member to have served at all levels of education?

C: People sometimes tell me that. They say that they can't recall anyone else who has had this kind of experience. It has helped me a lot, especially because of all the jargon in education.

R: Are you still optimistic?

C: I have found that it is a no-win situation, but that was true as a principal,too. Now I do it for free. I still am challenged, and I still have some things I want to see achieved.

—David Robb

Education past Education present Education future

Dr. LeeRoy Martinez

The views of South High's Principal from 1983 to 1988.

Having taught in elementary schools as well as in middle school and high school, having served as both assistant principal and principal, and having been in district administration, Dr. LeeRoy Martinez sees his goals and challenges clearly from several perspectives.

The differences between middle school and high school students are vast. "Middle school students are neither fish nor fowl—neither child nor man, neither girl nor woman. It's difficult to understand them. You have to be very patient and sensitive. To me they are a bag full of hormones ready to bust out."



High school students, he says, are developing into young men and women. "You see definite growth from the freshman year to the senior year. You see a whole lot of maturity." The high school concentrates on providing a variety of opportunities, both academic and athletic.

"I enjoyed the events and the academic excellence at South," he noted. "Those were the years of the 1984 baseball championship. We had a state championship rifle team; the swim team began to take off — to improve. The state tournaments were rewards for hard work athletically."

Martinez reflects that academically, "Excellence is the password" at South. "While I was there not another school in the city increased their NCE's by two points as South did. We were the only high

"While I was there, not another school in the city increased its NCE's by two points as South did. We were the only high school in town to do that."

school in town to do that before or since. We worked hard as a faculty to do that. I believe that South has one of the strongest faculties in the whole city — no question. I saw many master teachers in that building, so my memories of South are very rewarding."

Partnership is the key to future education at all levels according to Martinez. In fact he calls his current plan the "Risley Partnership," but he notes that his proposals apply to high schools of the future as well.

"A pet idea of mine is to see Risley become a lab school for U.S.C. Our students would have the student teachers, innovations, resources of that university available to us."

As part of the community partnership he advocates that a branch of the public library be a part of the new Risley building. "Anyone in the community can come in check out a book and walk right out."

Starting in March "another part of the partnership is to provide office space to SER (Service Employment and Redevelopment) who will provide career education and placement. "A person can walk in off the street and find out what jobs are available. If that person needs career counseling, he or she can take an aptitude test on the spot and be channeled into that opportunity. We'll use that same lab for career counseling for our kids."

Pueblo Community College will provide access to a vocational training center for parents. Is is built into the design of the new school. "Since unemployment is twice as high on the east side, why not provide that kind of training where it is needed most." (continued on page 25)

Negotiations are underway with IBM to provide 16 computers and software so that people who have minimal skills can be channeled into that lab to use the Plato program. "We want to open the building until 8:30 p.m. for parents to come and work with their kids on their homework, kids can help the parents . . ."

Another community organization, Girl Scouts, has been approached about coming into the building to provide a series of nine guidance units to female students. "I am on the board of directors of Girl Scouts so I asked them. We want to bring in as many community resources as we can. We have a three-year agreement with Girl Scouts. We'll be asking the Boy scouts for their help too."

Yet another component of the partnership plan is a scholarship fund that will allow students who are talented in a given area to attend U.S.C. He also sees a fund available to purchase an art kit, for instance, for a student who shows real ability and wants to pursue art. That money would also be available for the faculty and community members as well.

The future of education in Martinez's mind will see the teacher's role change from one of dispensing information to one of guiding students into critical thinking and focusing on human services.

Use of technology will also change. Concerning computers, "I consider a good lab to be one that has a computer/VCR/TV with headphones in every classroom, not taking students to one isolated computer lab."

He also envisions a cable and fiber optic network with U.N.C. for its Tie-In Network and with elementary schools. He forsees a radio and TV station at his school. "Such a network would also allow us to hook up with another country — the technology is here today. We could link up with, say, Japan. Each would be able to see the picture of the other and we could teach each other about our culture."

Martinez concluded, "Someone once asked me if I had a dream I would like to see come true during the next four years. I think It would be to try to provide as much opportunity as possible."

—David Robb



Martha Gorder

"We're going to cheer for the black and the white"
"All hail the South High Pride"

... words from the school song and from the Alma Mater, both written by Miss Martha Gorder, known as the First Lady of South High, upon coming to South in 1959.

Approached to become a girls' counselor at South when it opened, she decided that it might be the break she needed from her job as physical education teacher.

She spent her summers in Yellowstone National Park, where she was in charge of hiring high school and college students to work during the summer. Many Puebloans have fond memories of their summers in Yellowstone with Miss Gorder.

She brought to South the idea of Girls' Cabinet. It was different from the one at Central as it was more geared to service to the school. Cabinet conducted clothing drives, put on the follies and supported athletics each season.

In 1971 Martha Gorder retired from teaching, but never from South. She spent much of her retirement traveling and enjoying her many friends. This lady with the twinkling eyes and never-ending enthusiasm never married and had a family, but she had a large family with the students and faculty of South High. Miss Gorder died April 28, 1985. — Liz Marco ('91)



... from a special year 1969 - 1970.

Scott Williamson

Student Body President '71

Back before (Michael Keaton's) Batman, Ghostbusters or VCR's, Back before Reagan, Carter or Ford, Back before rap, synthesizers and MTV, In the time of Woodstock on the eve of the Beatles break-up, when men walked on the moon and boys crawled through Vietnam swamps——I attended and represented South High School.

1969-70 was a landmark year of firsts and lasts. David Wilkerson, presided over his last year as the only principal the Colts had ever had. It was the last year of class scheduling experiments—Super Six, Modified Seven—no one was quite sure when a class would begin. Homeroom lost all meaning.

It was the last year of Homecoming floats and design-it-yourself proms. We turned the gym into New Orleans for the prom and bankrupted the class of '71. Dress codes that required dresses also met their demise.

We founded Key Club with five juniors and five seniors. Thanks to super-sponsor Al Valliant, it became the class of '71's lasting gift to the school. Original members painted lines on the parking lot for the first time, held a canned food drive, and raised money for a set of silverware the home economic department needed. Money raising projects were allowed for the first time (over the objections of administrators who believed the halls would soon be littered with discarded suckers and pickles).

Key Club members only dreamed of cannons, trees and murals in 1970, but that is where the ideas were born. In fact, the changes in the making created a demand for a brand new constitution for the student body. It was rewritten in the spring of 1970.

A new style of journalism began in 1970 when the small staff of five (Laurie Blair, Tom Simmons, Jerry Brown, Susie Ruff, and myself) discarded traditional high school newspaper formats for a magazine style that South continues to use. Articles and columns droning on for the billionth time about cafeteria food and hall passes gave way to coverage of ecology, career choice and student culture. Dave Robb and Doc Schwarze attempted to direct the mad house.

I remember my co-editor for the Round-Up put a sign up in the staff room with the phone number for suicide prevention. As crazy a things were, we were sure someone would need it. I taped the money for the phone call to it. Amazingly, when we retired the sign in May 1971, the money was still attached.

In sports, 1970 marked the first wave of dominating basketball teams Coach Chuck DePietro would guide. I remember (as statistician/manager) standing in the gym at County High after the first game of the season. The only ones dancing at County's "pep dance" were two members of South's basketball team. The song was "Revolution" by the Beatles. The dancers were Terry (Feet) Brace and Bob Moore. The whole school joined them and danced all the way to Denver and a third place finish.

Music for all this dancing was provided by the South High Band. The band members all belonged in the intensive care unit at the State Hospital, but they were as good as the ball players on the court. Bruce Barrett, Ted Harvey, Rick Hatfield, Susan Avery, Duane Hill—so many, too many to name.

The 1969-70 school year ended with a tight political campaign for student body president. With close to 1,200 students voting the final count differed by only thirteen votes. When the summer began everyone was worn out.

1970-71 began as the last had ended. The exciting changes of the previous year gave way to the more mundane tasks of consolidating them. With no successful major sports there were no distractions. With a new interim principal and a new student council sponsor the year seemed without guidance. At the time it seemed an exercise in cynicism and bitterness.

In retrospect, 1971 was also a memorable year. Key Club increased its areas of service. The drama department put on "Music Man." Lisa Miera, a Student Council member, arranged for "stock" certificates to be sold to support a foreign exchange student program. Soon we all owned a piece of Akio Katsuragi, the Japanese student who spent the year with us.

In the spirit of competition, several students planted signs on the lawns of the Central High athletes. Though innocent enough, one mother took offense and soon South High students were declared "rude, crude and vulgar." We had to apologize, but pettiness was their way, audacity was ours.

I guess, as student body president, I should remember and remind everyone of the counselor Martha Gorder who helped create the school song. We obtained the copyright for our school song in 1971 and I'm supposed to be sure that we renew it in 1999.

I still keep track of many friends, closer friends than I have had before or after South. They are computer programmers, tax accountants, business executives, etc. They are scattered from Washington to Arizona, Kansas and Texas. I married a South High graduate and I treasure the memories and lessons that my years in Pueblo gave me. Thanks for the opportunity to say so.

Night Life — 1971

Bear Creek was good, but we were better. They complained about poor referees (South had only committed six team fouls). They shot, "Blade" grabbed the rebound and flipped it to "Feet." "Feet" flung the ball down court to Harrison who, faced with a defender, hiked the ball between his legs to "Koke" who popped the net with another two pointer.

We were on our way to Denver and the state basketball playoffs, but first we were on our way to A&W for a Frosty. Quisenberry drove the pick-up. We rode in the back. Several cars joined us and soon the parking lot was full.

We talked about the game. We laughed about how Miss Alexander had been the one who discovered two students "getting serious" outside the classroom window. Someone remembered teaching the foreign exchange student to hold his hand up in Miss Alexander's class with the fingers held a certain way.

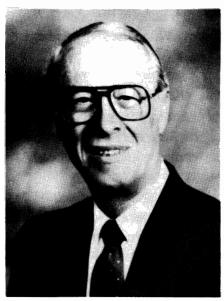
We dreamed about cannons and trees. Key Club had just been formed and all we had done so far was paint lines on the parking lot. Harvey "Farkel" and "Ferd Berfel" were describing the pep band's latest escapades. Cordova had a new car, a used cadillac. When he pushed one button, the seat reclined. "See," he said, "instant prairie." "C'mon Cordova, you can't even get a date."

— Scott Williamson ('71)

David Wilkerson
1959 - 1973

Warren Carere 1973 - 1982

John Rivas







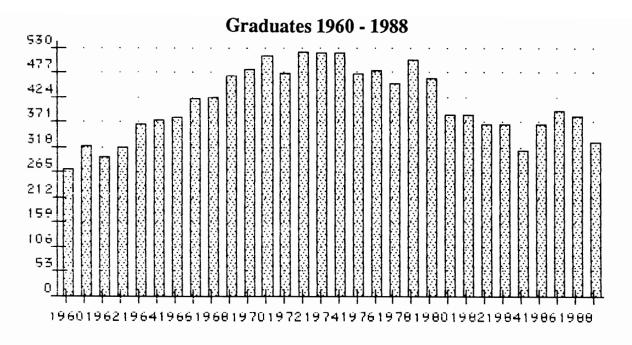
South High Leaders



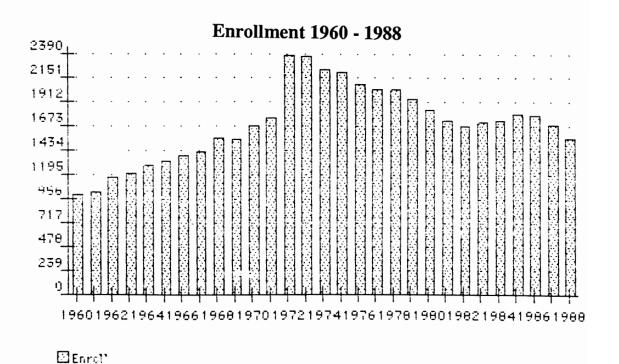
Lee Roy Martinez
1983 - 1988



Mary Hodges
1988 - present



☐ Grada



Sadie Hawkins

In stride with cartoonist Al Capp's cartoon strip Li'l Abner, Sadie Hawkins Day and dance were born at South High School.

Every year, around spring time, the comic strip presented a contest in which the girls in Dogpatch, U.S.A. would try and catch the guy of their choice and drag him across the finish line. In turn the guy would have to marry the girl.

The Sadie Hawkins became a tradition the first year that the school was open. The admission the girls had to pay to take "their catch" to the dance was dependent on the height of the boy. Usually the taller the boy the less money the girls would have to pay.

A number of teachers dressed in black frock coats and performed mock weddings. Pictures were taken of the "married" couples by the ROUND-UP staff. Also, fines were assessed for such infractions as holding hands, not holding hands, dancing, not dancing, and sitting next to each other. The fines ranged from 5 cents to 30 cents.

The day of the dance, students would come to school wearing old time country clothes such as cut off shorts, gunny sack blouses, long underwear, coverall bibs, and boots in keeping with Dogpatch attire.

Today, the name of the Sadie Hawkins dance has been changed to WAM (Women Ask Men). The only tradition that still remains is the girls ask the guys and pay for the date. —Ryan Waring ('90)

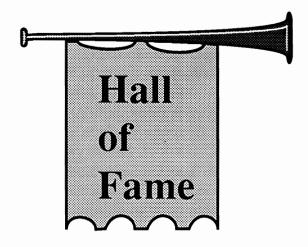


Graduation

Instead of simply seating graduates alphabetically, South presented its graduates in two formations. On one side of the dais the alternating white and black gowns of graduating seniors formed the figures of the graduating year. On the other side, the same technique was used to display the Colt emblem. The design was created by Mr. Bob Imes, counselor. The tradition was recently discontinued because the smaller graduating classes did not provide enough students to fill out the designs. —Ryan Waring ('90)

Homecoming Halftime

In keeping with "extra" effort, South provided fans with a traditional halftime performance for many years. By including the band, cheerleaders, Pepperettes and a large contingent of Coltspurs, South displayed a a horseshoe formation with the familiar bar in which Homecoming royalty was honored. Pepperettes alternately formed the words SOUTH and COLTS inside the bar. Approximately 200 students were involved in each year's presentation. —Ryan Waring ('90)



Researched by Joey Vergilio ('90)

1968 State Golf Champs-Steve Linnerson, Jim Belcher, Dave Kikel and Rick Pobst; Coach- Darrell Wilks

First state team championship by a South High team with a two-day total of 625 strokes; inducted in 1978.

David Wilkerson-First prinicipal of South High School (1959-1973); established many of South's traditions; the first administrator inducted into the South Hall of Fame (1978).

Ken Hines-1960 Colorado State Wrestling Champion at the 180 lb. class; won the first state individual championship in South High's history on February 27, 1960; inducted in 1978.

Warren Pickerel-Colorado State Gymnastics Champion on the side horse in 1962. Only state champion in boys' gymnastics from South; inducted in 1978.

Tracy Herzog and "Charlie" Dillow-1977 Colorado State Tennis Champions at No. 3 doubles; won the state championships at the Air Force Academy, on May 22, 1977, and finished the season with 19-0 record; inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1978.

Kevin Chapman, Paul Boucher, Steve Ivan, and Jim Brookswon the 1978 Colorado State Golf Championships over Smokey Hill October 20, 1978, with a two-day total of 618 strokes and a 20-stroke victory margin. Steve Ivan placed second individually and Paul Boucher placed seventh. Inducted in 1980.

Dawn

Now comes Day With shears of gold To snip away Each velvet fold Of Night's dark fabric.

Linda Klaiman ('65)



The Chance of a Lifetime

I had the chance of my lifetime,
But somehow, I know not why
This chance turned into a dream, my friend,
That just seemed to pass me by.

Glenda Filer ('68)



Life's Ironies

Life's ironies,
I often wonder,
How a blind man can see
the beauty
and Wisdom of theworld,
Better than I.

How the lame walk straighter, and taller Than any man I've ever known, Even Straighter than I..

How the deaf, listen more attentively,
Hearing and feeling,
More than I.

How the mute, speak the most cherished Words of wisdom, Better than I.

"Why? How can this be," say I.
Perhaps, because all is done with the heart,
Not the mind.

Cindy Jackson ('70)

Joe Ore-won the State Wrestling Championship in 1978 at the 126-pound division. He was the second South wrestler to win a state championship. He defeated Dan Cancino of Pueblo East for the state champion title. Inducted in 1978.

1979 Colorado State Girls' Basketball Champions-these girls won the first state basketball championship by a Pueblo team in 40 years; inducted in 1980. TEAM-Kristy Burns, Tish Bennett, Kerri Ballotti, Cathy Blakeley, Melody Burns, Debbie Higdon, Robin Rice, Janet Fodor, Sharla Dix, Becky Golob, Kelli Mena, Clare Deluca, and Laura Snyder; Head Coach Rich Purcell, Assistant Coach Bruce Colvin, Assistant Coach Tom Guinane, Manager Donna Parkhurst, and Trainer Kathy DeNiro.

TEAM-Tom Vialpando, Jamie Birch, Andy Kaufmann, Craig Bryan, Scott Smith, Anthony Cortez, John Dosen, Ty Ortiz, Troy Chacon, Russell Salas, John Olson, Dave Kristan, Alan Johnson, Derek Chavez, Ken Valentine, Gary Casias, Jerry Baca, Jeff Bonacquista, Kevin Colvin; Manager Mike Hoffman and Coach Colvin. These members comprised the South High 1984 State Baseball Champions.

Tim Urenda-1985-86 Colorado State Wrestling Champion at the 138-lb. division. He defeated Dan Atencio of Durango 8-0 in the championship match; inducted into South Hall of Fame in spring of 1986.

Beth Blakey, Renee Brown, Tracy Herzog, Connie Poole, Pat Mandarich, Laura Snider, Robin Tice, Carmen Rivas, Carla Cascio; Coach John Ranch 1978 Colorado State Girls' Tennis Champs. Rivas and Mandarich state champs at 2 doubles, Herzog 2nd at 3 singles, Blakey and Brown 3rd at 1 doubles, Poole and Cascio 3rd at 3 doubles, and Snider 4th at 2 singles; inducted in 1980.

Melody McBride-1977 and 1978 Colorado State Girls' Diving Champion; won the state championship at the Air Force Academy as a sophomore and junior. She was the only South state champion to win back to back state championships. Inducted in 1978.

James D. Smith-Activities Director of South from 1968 to 1976; graduated from and was an outstanding athlete for Centennial High School; inducted in 1978.

Ed Reinert-1979 Colorado State Wrestling Champ; first South

student to win heavyweight championship title; inducted in 1980.

1982-1986 Pueblo South High School Band-inducted into the Hall after accumulating several prestigious awards including first place at the Blossom Festival, first place at C.B.A., and first place in State two years in a row; under the direction of Al Cozzetto also participated in the Colorado General Assembly Tribute and the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl Parade and competition.

Randy Thompson-won the 1987 Colorado State Swimming Championships in the 100-Butterfly at the Air Force Academy; inducted in the spring of 1978.

Curt Topping-1979 & 1980 Colorado State Wrestling Champion at the 138-lb. division; only the second South athlete to win back-to-back state championships; finished his high school career with a 96-8 record; inducted in 1980.

Nanine Wainwright-winner of a Boettcher scholarship; 1985-86 South High valedictorian; inducted in the spring of 1986.

Mark Rodriguez-1986-87 All American Honorable Mention in football and 1987 Athlete of the Year in the Colorado 4A division given by the Denver Post; besides receiving numerous awards for football, Mark Rodriguez also received awards in baseball and basketball for his outstanding athletic abilities and achievements; inducted in 1989.

James Daugherty-one of the first teachers here at South; taught biology (I & II) for 30 years; coached football, wrestling, baseball, and track; inducted in 1989.





Mischief

Autumn's mischief
Plays the land.
A golden leaf
Is a fiery brand.
A pile of leaves
For children's play;
A prelude to a winter day.
It stirs the wind
To a frenzied roar,
Yet seems to call
More! More! More!

A harvest moon
In a brilliant sky,
It slowly fades . . .
You can hear its cry.
A lonely cry
But, oh! so bold!
Just daring winter
To take icy hold.

Jolene Beisel '67

Administration

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL(S)	DEAN OF STUDENTS	ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
09,	David Wilkerson	Vernon Cochran		
,61-,66	David Wilkerson	Gordon Sullivan		
8929,	David Wilkerson	Gordon Sullivan		William Brown
0269.	David Wilkerson	Gordon Sullivan		Jim Smith
'71	Herman Smith	Ray Brunjak		Jim Smith
7.7	David Wilkerson	Ray Brunjak		Jim Smith
73	David Wilkerson	Ray Brunjak/William Hrutky		Jim Smith
,74-,76	Warren Carere	Ray Brunjak/William Hrutky		Jim Smith
11.	Warren Carere	Ray Brunjak/Henry Roman	Mary Jo Rodrigez	Jim Smith
.78-,80	Warren Carere	Lee Graham/Garry Craig	Mary Jo Rodriguez	John DeNardo
'81-'82	Warren Carere	Garry Craig/Lee Roy Martinez	Mary Jo Rodriguez	John DeNardo
,83	John Rivas	Garry Craig/Lee Roy Martinez	Mary Jo Rodriguez	Regis Gordan
'84-'87	Lee Roy Martinez	Garry Craig/ Sam Cortese	Mary Jo Rodriguez	Regis Gordon
88.	Lee Roy Martinez	Garry Craig/ Richard Guerrero	Mary Jo Rodriguez/John Huff	ff Anna Baca
68,	Mary Hodges	Garry Craig/ Richard Gurrerro	John Huff	Anna Baca
.60	Mary Hodges	Garry Graig/Richard Guerrero	John Huff	Anna Baca