# BOYS TOWN ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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# Alums Among Heroes Serving in Gulf

Boys Town's alumni have a long tradition of military service to their country. Many have paid the ultimate price for the ideals of patriotism and loyalty learned at Boys Town.

It is that same sense of loyalty that has called alumni to duty in the Persian Gulf. At least 14 alumni — either reservists or active duty personnel — have been called, or are awaiting orders to serve in the Middle East. Some are: Bill Smith, '59; Ron Dennis, '87; Wyatt Conneally, '87; Mike Dennison, '88; Sean Dorcy, '88; Kevin Kelly, '88; Ron McKamy, '88; Ron Nichols, '88; Scott Davis, '89; and Richard Blackwell, '90.

"Keep me in your thoughts and prayers."

- Ron Dennis, '87



Ron Dennis, '87

On a recent visit to campus, Vice President Dan Quayle told students and staff that Boys Town's alumni and others serving in the Persian Gulf are heroes. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them, and they are with all the brave men and women who have dedicated themselves to the cause of restoring stability to that region of the



Ron Nichols, '88

world. What they are doing is helping make the world a place of freedom and peace instead of a place of tyranny and violence."

Nichols said he is hungry for some home cooking. "Bruce, do you still make those good homemade cookies? I could sure use some now, because

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# Calhoun Takes Pride in Outstanding Athletes

When Steve Calhoun saw the movie "Boys Town" as a high school student in Duluth, Minn., he knew he wanted to work with kids, and Boys Town was just the place to do it.

He made his way to Boys Town in 1950 to work as a guidance counselor, where he was welcomed by a former high school classmate Frank Vatalaro. Father Flanagan had died just two years earlier, and many of the current buildings, including the high school, career center and field house were just being built.

Skip Palrang was doing some building of his own, laying the foundation for a legendary football program, and Calhoun got in on the ground level as an assistant coach. The program produced outstanding athletes such as two-time Olympian and football star Deacon Jones, '54, and Ken Geddes,'66.

Jones remembers Calhoun as an amiable counselor. "He was very well-liked and always easy to talk to. I can't imagine anyone having anything negative to say about him." Jones excelled in football, baseball and track, and was one of the most talented athletes to come out of Boys Town during that era, Calhoun said.

"I learned football is a team sport at Boys Town, and that there's more to life than sports," Geddes said. "You could depend on Steve Calhoun. He was always there when you needed him." Geddes is a drug and alcohol intervention specialist with the Seattle (Wash.) Public Schools. He played defensive back and tight end at Boys Town, and linebacker for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and for the National Football League's Los Angeles Rams and Seattle Scahawks.

"My experience at Boys Town and with Calhoun was the greatest in my athletic career," he said.

Although Calhoun retired in 1986, he still keeps score for the varsity and junior varsity basketball games. He also lends a hand at track meets and wrestling tournaments by watching his old equipment room.

The alumni still stop in to see their (continued on page 3)

#### Letter From Father Peter

## The Dream Continues Through United Effort



Dear Alumni,

Here are some items that I wanted to share with you:

 Thanks to everyone who is so excited about the new Alumni Di-

rectory. We have gotten all kinds of good feedback from you. It is a huge success.

- Thanks to all the alumni at the various sites in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Nevada, California, New York, and Rhode Island for helping us so much. A big thanks goes to Dr. James Donnel, class of '60, who is providing free dental care to all of our kids in San Antonio.
- Congratulations to Brian McGinty (December 1968 - May 1970), a lawyer in Chicago who helped in the pro-life movement within the American Bar Association at their convention in Chicago this summer. We are mighty proud of you, Brian.
- Special thanks go to two alumni who are on the Boys Town National Board of Trustees. Joe Rohlinger (April 1941- May 1943) represents Southern California and does a great job. Bill Maddux (September 1948-June 1953) is from Chicago and does a great job too. They add an awful lot of power

at these national board meetings. Please remember that this 15-member board is the governing body of all Boys Town.

- Remember Father George Markwell and Father Ben Markwell? They are celebrating their 25th anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood in October, here at Boys Town. Please drop them a note of congratulations and best wishes. Send it in care of me at my office and I will give it to them. They would love to hear from you.
- Father Peter Dunne, who was at Boys Town from 1944 to 1958, is now with us again. He retired in June as pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church. He is working in retirement at Boys Town. We welcome him back. All his old friends should write to him. He would love to hear from you. Just write to the Boys Town address.
- How many of you remember Father Mac (Aloysius McMahon)? Father Mac was at Boys Town for many long years as a young priest. He is pastor at St. Joan of Arc Church in Omaha. Say a big prayer for my intentions: I'm trying to get him to come out and join us in a year or two. Wouldn't that be great?
- Our football team is fantastic this year. We have a great coach in Bob Nizzi. We are rebuilding the dynasty. Just watch us.
  - · We have something new at the

Boys Town Home Campus -- a Police Cadet Drill Team. They are getting very good. You ought to see them marching around campus. They use the old Nativity Chapel for an assembly point. One visitor this summer remarked to another one as he saw them marching into the old chapel: "See how nicely the kids march in to say their prayers in the chapel."

- We just announced a few weeks ago that we will be opening an emergency shelter in San Antonio, Texas. What a wonderful thing. We will be taking care of 300 kids a year there.
- Les Dreifuerst, who is so well-known and beloved by so many of you, sends greetings to all. He is still working at Boys Town in retirement. He is a permanent deacon and is a big help to all of us.
- Please pray for all of our kids in the Persian Gulf. We have lots of them.

I must close for now. God bless you now and always. Please pray for me and all of our kids. "Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do they labor who build it."

Sincerely yours,

Father Val J. Peter, JCD, STD

**Executive Director** 

## Palrang Award Recognizes Female Scholar/Athlete

A newly developed award designed to recognize a Boys Town girl for her athletic and academic achievements was presented at the Annual Student Recognition Night on May 16.

Victoria Cheeseman '90, was the first recipient of the Skip Palrang award, which is given in honor of Boys Town's most revered football coach. Ken Morris, a member of the National Board of Directors, presented the award.

Cheeseman participated in track, competing in the 800-meter run and relays. She ran cross-country and was a member of the basketball team. Cheeseman was named 1990 Female Athlete of the Year at the Boosters

Banquet in May.



Victoria Cheeseman '90

Cheeseman is originally from Sioux Falls, S.D., and is studying history at Midland College in Fremont, Neb. She hopes to become a high school teacher.

790 The award was developed to sup-

port the scholar/athlete as Palrang had always done.

The Skip Palrang Award composite plaque bearing Cheeseman's name hangs in the Home Campus Field House. Cheeseman received a certificate. At its October meeting, the National Alumni Association Board of Directors will discuss giving a monetary scholarship to Cheeseman and future winners.

The National Alumni Association sponsored awards for 1990 graduates based on their achievements, progress in high school and serving as a good role models. The seniors recognized at the ceremony were: Richard Blackwell, recipient of the National Alumni Award; Tara Cronin, the National Alumni Auxiliary Award; Craig Hoffman, the Omaha Alumni Association Award, and Lou Ann Kyle, the Omaha Alumni Auxiliary Award.

# Cups Overflow with Memories, 'Mudwater'

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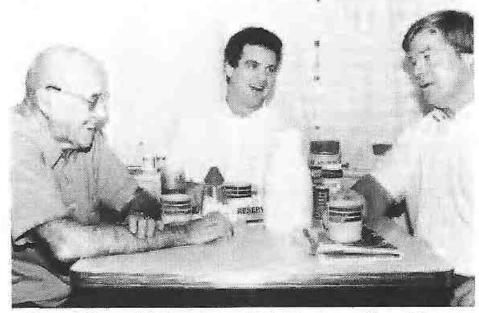
former counselor and coach. During convention and after Mass on Sundays, several alumni gather at Calhoun's campus apartment to share a cup of his famous "mudwater" coffee. They share memories of Boys Town's golden years of athletics.

"They (Palrang and Calhoun) really cared about the boys, and that made you want to play well for them," said Geddes.

Over 28 years, Skip Palrang and his assistants gained national recognition as a football powerhouse and compiled a winning record of 201-66-12, including Nebraska state championships in 1965 and 1966.

In 1952, Calhoun took special pride in setting up what Palrang called the best intramural program in the state. "We had 13 major events in basketball, wrestling, flag football and track over 10 months," Calhoun said.

He also coached freshman football and basketball in 1952 before becoming a line coach for the midget football team. He served as equipment manager for more than 20 years. Some of his fondest memories are traveling the



Steve Calhoun, left, reminisces with Ed Flanagan, '81 and George Buckler '64. Flanagan is son of Father Flanagan's nephew, Larry, a long-time friend of Calhoun.

country (with the football teams) by train and bus. "The road trips were great and supervising the players was easy," Calhoun remembers. "A lot of kids came out for the team then. It was the right sport for the kids at the Home. The boys I got to know and work with through sports will always be number one on my list. But sports at Boys Town is more than just winning. It's working together as a team to grow as individuals."

### President's Letter

## **Board to Discuss Convention, Memorial**



Brothers and Sisters:

The national Alumni Board of Directors will meet in October at Boys Town. The National Auxiliary officers and

all Chapter presidents have been invited. This is a very important gathering. We will be discussing subjects ranging from preparations for our 1991 convention to the Armed Services Memorial.

It is our hope that by meeting nine months before the convention we will be better able to establish a convention committee and start making plans. Our conventions have been getting better over the years, and we hope to continue that trend. Some of you have indicated a desire to get different graduating classes together. Start making plans now; we are only about nine months from the convention.

Another topic planned for discussion at our meeting will be the Armed Services Memorial. This is a matter we have been discussing for a long time. We hope to nail down the details of making this memorial a reality. The cost will be met through donations; and therefore, we hope that you will contribute generously. For more information on how you can contribute, please call Moe Szynskie at 1-800-345-0458. We hope to make this memorial an integral part of our 1992 convention. We will provide you with more details as plans materialize.

Recently my family and I were fortunate enough to have dinner with Father Peter as he passed through the Dallas area. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit. It reaffirmed my belief that Boys Town and the alumni are truly fortunate to have Father Peter as Executive Director of Boys Town, and in this light, he deserves our complete support, prayers, respect and assistance.

Please remember those alumni who are involved in "Operation Desert Shield" in the Middle East. We should all pray the situation is resolved in a diplomatic fashion without bloodshed and that they all come home safely.

Have a good Fall and a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Olivo

Andy Olivo, '66

# Soldiers Long for Comforts, News From Home

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all we eat is dehydrated Marine Corps food, he wrote to his former Family-Teachers, Bruce and Dawn Hugunin. "Tell Coach Shields my Marine Corps career is jamming (doing well)."

Although Smith didn't want to leave his family for Saudi Arabia, he was kind of excited to go. He loves to travel and they've trained in anticipation of testing their abilities, said Smith's wife, Kathy. He is a radio operator for a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Unit.

"You've never experienced anything like it (desert heat)," Smith told his wife in a recent telephone conversation. (Average daily temperatures reach more than 120 degrees.)

Ron Dennis shares Smith's opinion of the heat. In a letter to the Alumni Office Dennis said, "The heat is terrible. We work at night and sleep all day."



Bill Smith '59

Dennis is hungry for news from home. He writes: "How is Boys Town these days? I wonder about my fellow classmates; however, my closest buddies are those in my platoon now.

"I can't wait to get home. Please send me the latest Boys Town happenings and keep me in your thoughts and prayers." "What they are doing is to make the world a place of freedom and peace instead of a place of tyranny and violence."

- Vice President Dan Quayle

"We should be very, very proud of Boys Town's men and women in the Gulf," said Father Peter. "These people are acting upon the principles and ideals they learned at Boys Town, serving God and their country. We need to let them know how proud we are of them and to keep them always in our prayers."

# 1990 Chicago Social Posts Good Turnout

Alumni from four chapters, their wives and friends gathered at the Arlington Race Track for the Chicago Alumni Association Chapter's "A Day at the Races" Sept. 21-22. With stories to share of old times and ambitions to pick some winners, the group of 115 people attended the event, which resumed after a five-year layoff because of remodeling work on the track.

The weekend began with a Friday night social at the home of Frank Kerns '48, a former Chicago chapter president. Many of the alumni were Kerns' guests for the social. Sam Breci '41, and Robert Keeder '63, came in from South Carolina. Kansas City alumnus Mike Trevino '58, and his wife, Carol, and James Brown'56, his wife, Ruth and family came from St. Louis for the event.

Boys Town alumnus and Arlington vice president William Thayer, '44, visited with the group during the prime rib dinner.

The Chicago Chapter plans to continue the annual "Day at the Races," and members hope more alumni can



Alumni gather at Frank Kerns' home on Friday night. Some of those attending include Carol and Mike Trevino, '58, Gene Korus, '66, Robert Waser '55, and Bill Clifford, '44.

attend future events.

"Keeping the alumni chapters active is one of the most important things to achieve. Support your local chapter and national alumni whenever possible," Kerns said,

#### I REMEMBER ...

by Raymond Panian, '23,

I came to Overlook Farm on a cold December day in 1921. After a meeting with Father Flanagan, Patrick Norton took me and the other new boys to meet the Mother Superior, Sister James. The scared group scarcely uttered a peep out of respect for her position.

Even now I awaken from my dreams by a sharp hand clap just as Sister Godioza did so many years ago at 6 a.m. We hurried to wash, dress, make our beds and get to Mass, before another day of work.

I remember serving Sunday Masses, when families from the surrounding farms came to visit.

We were divided into groups to scrub, wax, and polish the floors, and sew. The older boys made up the kitchen crew.

The sewing crew worked a couple hours on Saturdays mending our clothes again and again.

We were rewarded with bits of unblessed communion host that Sister Godioza prepared and baked.

Much like Family-Teachers do today, Father Flanagan met with the boys in the dining room after supper, although sometimes he was gone seeking food, clothes and anything to help support his boys.

## **Prayers Requested**

Two-year-old Molly Mitchell, granddaughter of **Jim Mitchell**, '47, has stomach cancer,

Bryan Burgess, '51, is scheduled for major surgery on October 11th.

Clifford Schnedler '73 of Chicago, Ill. is battling cancer.

Please pray for their rapid recovery.

## Job Opportunities

Jobs in the following areas are available to qualified alumni:

Education, Home Campus personnel and administration, and Boys Town National Research Hospital.

Please contact Moe Szynskie at the National Alumni Office, Boys Town, Neb., 68010, or phone 1-800-345-0458.

# Boys Town in the News

- Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan received the Father Flanagan Award for Service to youth for his positive message to youth to stay in school and stay off drugs and alcohol.
- The announcement of the Boys Town Reading Center marks a major new direction in programming. The Center, under the direction of Dr. Mary Beth Curtis, Ph.D., will begin research to improve the reading and writing skills of adolescents age 14 to 17.
- The 5-1 Boys Town Cowboys have secured their first winning season since 1983. If the Cowboys win one of their three remaining games, they'll clinch the Nebraka Centennial Conference and qualify for the Class B playoffs.

- Five new homes were recently dedicated on the Home Campus. That brings the total number of homes on to 75.
- Boys Town broke ground for a new \$650,000 youth emergency shelter in Grand Island, Neb. The new shelter will replace a temporary facility which served more than 200 youths in its first year of operation. The new shelter is expected to serve more than 350 youths from the central Nebraska region annually.
- Vice President Dan Quayle visited Boys Town on a campaign swing through Nebraska. He congratulated Boys Town staff and students on winning national awards for excellence in education awards and as a drug-free school.

## Boy Made 'U-Turn' at Boys Town



In addition to owning his own service station, Mason supports St. Michaels Farm for Boys and has announced his candidacy for mayor of Waveland, Miss.

Waveland, Miss., is a long way from Boys Town and the life John Mason knew as a kid. Mason was 10 when his father left. John and his older brother began supporting 10 brothers and sisters by burglarizing homes. Things became more desperate, and Mason was arrested for the armed robbery of a gas station in Oklahoma City.

"Father Flanagan stepped in and changed my life. At Boys Town I was allowed to be a boy without the pressures of just trying to survive. I received discipline and love, and I knew someone really eared for me."

Today Mason owns a service station and is a candidate for mayor. He is sharing what he learned at Boys Town by supporting St. Michael's Farm for Boys in Picayune, Miss.

Picayune, Miss.

"I can relate to what those boys have been through and I know what a good program can do to change your life," said Mason. 19208

Roy Foster '28 13508 Mulberry Dr. Whittier, Calif. 90605 (213) 698-1333

Foster is retired after nearly 34 years of service at Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., where he made truck and airplane tires.

As a boy, he served Mass with Father Flanagan, He remembers meeting and shaking hands with baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig when they visited the Home Campus. He and his wife of 52 years, Marcella, have two children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

To Boys Town youth today, he says, "Get a good education. That's what you need today. Other than that, just go to church every Sunday."

19308

Norm Blackwell '30 938 Ridge Ave. Kansas City, Kan. 66101 (913) 281-3853

In just a short time, Boys Town made a big impression on Blackwell. He arrived at Boys Town in 1928 and stayed only six months before returning home. Today, he regrets not finishing school at Boys Town.

"There's never been a school like it in all the world," he said.

Blackwell, who is recovering from heart surgery, shared some of his memories of Father Flanagan in a telephone interview. "He was just like a dad to all of us. He'd come to the yard and join the boys in whatever sport they were playing.

"Christmas was so beautiful. Never was a kid slighted at Boys Town."

19408

Harold A. Lederer '42 10910 102 Ave. S.W. Tacoma, Wash. 98498 (206) 584-3493

Lederer has worked as an electrician since his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1969, During his 25-year military career, he achieved the rank

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of first sergeant and received medals for his service in World War I, Korea and Vietnam.

He and his wife, Trashi, have two children, Maria and Patty, and two grandchildren.

Lederer worked on the farm at Boys Town. He played drums in the band and was a member of the choir. He still corresponds with Harry Thompson '42.

Raymond W. Watson '42 4201 So. 36th St. Omaha, Neb. 68107 (402) 731-8471

After working 28 years as a barber, Watson retired in 1989. He now serves as quartermaster for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2704 in Omaha, where he takes care of membership renewals and club funds.

Watson said he remembers a Boys Town very different from the one today. He used to "sleep, eat and go to school in the same building." He learned barbering at Boys Town, a trade he continued throughout his life.

Watson writes, "I have always thanked God for Father Flanagan and Boys Town; I don't know what some of us would have done without them."

Watson and his wife, Betty, have been married 30 years. He has four stepchildren: Virginia, Bill, Pat and Judy.

Rev. John C. Rizzo '48 908 Lake St. Creighton, Neb. 68729 (402) 358-3596

The Rev. John Rizzo is the pastor of St. Ludger Catholic Church in Creighton, Neb., where he serves nearly 250 families. He has been pastor of the rural parish for five years, teaching religion to grades K-6.

Born in Covington, Ky., in 1931, Rizzo came to Boys Town in the summer of 1946. After graduation, he studied at Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo., and at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He was ordained in May 1956, celebrating his first Mass at Boys Town.



Fr. John Rizzo, '48

Since his ordination, Rizzo has served the Archdiocese of Omaha. He also worked with missionaries in Chile from 1963-65.

Rizzo said he enjoyed serving Mass for Father Flanagan every day at 6:20 a.m.

1950s

Jay M. "Jerry" Newberger '55 122 River Road Pierre, S.D. 57501 (605) 224-1706

Newberger spent seven years at Boys Town, and served as mayor his senior year. He returned in 1958 to work as a counselor. After seven years counseling youth, he moved to South Dakota to work as a probation officer.

He was a probation officer for several years before becoming the director of court services and Interstate Compact Administrator for the State of South Dakota.

His responsibilities as director of court services include juvenile and adult probation, domestic relations court, youth services and juvenile aftercare services. His guardianship of several youth at Boys Town brings him back to the Home Campus to visit several times a year.

"George Lang and Don Weber were my mentors at Boys Town and have been very important people in my life, both personally and professionally. I think a lot of opportunities have been presented to me because I came from Boys Town," Newberger said.

Education has also played a major part in his life. During 17 years of night school at both the University of

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Nebraska at Omaha and the University of South Dakota, he earned graduate degrees in sociology, public administration, as well as executive development and court management.

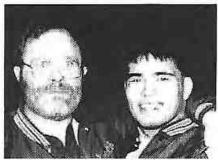
Newberger and his wife, Norma have three children: Michele, Michael and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren. Newberger's hobbies include sailing, tennis and reading.

He currently teaches classes in criminal justice, sociology and public management and government at both the University of South Dakota and Capital University Center,

"The wisdom of Father Schmitt and Frank "Moe" Szynskie is something I am able to pass on to others when I am speaking to classes or giving lectures.

"I often use a story of Boys Town during speaking engagements. I have a picture of a softball game in which Father Wegner was umpire. In it, Father Wegner shows three strikes and three balls, but the kid is still at bat. At Boys Town, you get more than three strikes before you're out. The point is, when you're working with people, you sometimes have to give them more than three strikes, but you can still hold them accountable for their behavior."

Editor



Michael Sterner, '57, and his son, John.

Michael J. Sterner '57 202 Southview Dr. Marshall, Minn. 56258 (507) 532-3055

Sterner is the chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department and head coach of the wrestling team at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn.

After leaving Boys Town in 1957, Sterner attended South Dakota State University in Brookings. In 1963, he received a bachelor's degree in physical education and mathematics. In 1966, he received a master's degree in physical education.

Sterner taught physical education and mathematics at Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. He has also taught at South Dakota State University and Brigham Young University. His wrestling squad at Southwest State was the Northern Intercollegiate Conference champion four consecutive years from 1983 to 1985, and then repeated as champs in 1987.

In 1986, Sterner coached the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics wrestling team, which traveled to the Soviet Union.

Sterner and his wife, Karen, have two children: John, 24; and Michele, 18.

Sterner credits part of his success to Boys Town and its excellent athletic program. "Boys Town gave me a good basis for dealing with all walks of life. Athletics showed me if I do things well. I can be independent."

1970s

Marty Critchley '78 12801 Spaulding St. #369 Omaha, NE 68164 (402) 493-9214

Before becoming a motorcoach bus driver in 1987, Marty Critchley worked in several positions at the Home.

Critchley, who sang with the choir at Boys Town, remembers the Christmas tours. "We toured from October to Christmas and I always liked being on the road." It's that same love of the road and sense of adventure

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We are interested in hearing your comments and concerns about the Boys Town Alumni Newsletter. Please take the time to respond to the following items and return the questionaire to:

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ Biographies of alumni (Alumni News).

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Upcoming events for alumni chapters.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ News about current happenings/events at the various Boys Town sites.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Please comment on how you would like to see the sections changed or expanded.

- 2. Is there a section or service you would like to see that is not currently offered? Please explain.
- 3. Do you have any other comments regarding format, photography or layout of the newsletter?

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that keeps Critchley rolling across the country today.

Logging 3,000 to 5,000 miles on an average trip and 90,000 to 100,000 miles a year gives him the opportunity to call on alumni far and wide. "I carry the directory with me and call on fellow alumni when I'm in town. I've found some I hadn't seen in years."

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Cindy Koppenhaver-Michel '83 5825 No. 126 Ave. Omaha, NE 68164 (402) 498-9226

Koppenhaver-Michel owns and operates "Design of the Times" hair salon in Omaha, She opened the business in August 1990 and manages its 17 employees. She took barbering classes at Boys Town and later completed her education at the Stewart School of Hairstyling.

She and her husband, Mark, were married in May 1986, and are looking forward to starting a family. Mark owns a masonry business.

She was one of the first five girls to graduate from Boys Town. During high school she was a cheerleader and a staff member of the yearbook.

Koppenhaver-Michel is the first female graduate to become a lifetime member of the National Alumni Association.

# Alumni Attend Tribute to Nebraska Coach Devaney



The University of Nebraska Alumni Club hosted a reunion for the Bob Devaney era players and coaches on Sept. 22.

The tribute to Devaney and celebration of his 75th birthday included a dinner and a Husker football game.

Three Boys Town alumni came to Lincoln for the event. Pictured left to right: George Buckler, '64, Bob Devaney, Ken Geddes, '66, and Bob Schmit, '69.

### IN MEMORIAM

The alumni office recently received the following information:

Calvin J. Clark, '29, died.

Odell De Moor, '41, of Portland, Ore., died March 3.

Kenneth Reynolds, '53, of Omaha, Neb., died September 9, 1983.

Ronald E. Meadows, '68, of Emporia, Kan., died in a car accident June 5, 1987. He is survived by his mother, Rosemary Testerment of Emporia.

Garry Coover, '70, of Sioux City, Iowa, died July 27, 1985 in a car accident. He is survived by his wife, Diann, and his daughter, Allison Marie. Martin Perea, '70, of Corrales, New Mexico, died in 1985.

John L. Brown, '48 died June 4 in Wamego, Kan. He was an Army veteran, commander of American Legion Post No. 172 and president of Partners of Educational Progress at Wamego High School.

Brown is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters, Barbara Brown and Sue Hofmann, Wamego; Kathy Ortega, Corpus Christi, Texas; Linda Wells, Syracuse, Ind.; son, Marvin Webster of Wamego; brother, Webster L. Brown, Galesville, Wis.; 10 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

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