



RHS 50th Anniversary Celebration a BIG Hit

An estimated 5000 RHS alumni converged on Richfield High School during the week of October 11 – 16, 2004, to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the high school's opening on October 11, 1954. Norm Plasch (Class of 1972) and a large cadre of enthusiastic alumni took responsibility for planning the successful event. When it was over, Plasch shared his reflections on the alumni website (<http://deckernet.com/rhs/board.htm>). Following are some of his reflections:

Despite battling pneumonia and a fever, Plasch summoned the energy to participate fully in the October 16 program and open house. Plasch praised excellent performances by the RHS band and choir. "Those kids did a great job that day. . . their very own Spartan Spirit made them shine." He appreciated the warm applause from the audience, and the fact that they "even laughed at my jokes." He noted, "Featured speaker and former RHS Band Director, Miles Lundahl, was a real hit," as was the video that was produced by Dale Strom and Sue Borne from Borne Recording. "All copies of the video sold out minutes after the program ended. The school lunches also sold out fast."

After recovering from the event, Plasch reflected:

"What will the history books say about that Saturday in October 2004? Probably not much. But books, you see, never really tell the full story. Many times the most important stories of our lives remain in our hearts. For those of us who were involved with the planning and for all of the 5000+ people who attended the RHS Open House, it will be a memory etched in our hearts and minds forever."

BUSY REUNION SCHEDULE!

Following a highly successful 50th anniversary celebration of RHS, six class reunions are scheduled for this summer:

- 1965 (40 year) - July 23rd
- 1970 (35 year) - July 2nd
- 1975 (30 year) - August 27th
- 1980 (25 year) - August 5th and 6th
- 1985 (20 year) - July 29 and 30th
- 1995 (10 year) - July 30 and 31st

For more details about reunions, RHS, and former classmates, check out the Alumni website at <http://deckernet.com/rhs/>. Thanks to RHS alumna Martha Decker (Class of 1974) for maintaining this site!

Note: Copies of the NHS Publication, *Richfield Senior High School Commemoration of 50 Years*, are available for \$10 each through the Superintendent's Office, 612-798-6012. Make checks out to Richfield High School / National Honor Society. The book was created as an NHS service project by Fine Song (Class of 2003) and Anthony James (Class of 2004) and includes excerpts from old yearbooks and Spotlites, along with photographs and written recollections submitted by RHS alumni and a brief history of the Richfield community.

