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Wall of Honor

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Join us for the annual Wall of Honor banquet

**Thurs., Feb. 19
6:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP by Mon., Feb. 16:

JoAnn McClafin at 665-4500
 or mcclafinj@usd308.com

Adults: \$10 • Kids under 12: \$5

Featuring the HHS String Quartet

Who's invited: Everyone!

**See friends and classmates,
enjoy a great meal and help
honor this year's inductees!**

**Nominate someone for
the HHS Wall of Honor**

Print and complete the form at:
hutchhighalumni.com/woh.html

Dillon, Hankins, Pope earn Wall of Honor spot

General public and Classes of 1945, 1948, 1958 invited to banquet

The Wall of Honor is the most prestigious award HHS can bestow upon any of its alumni. Please make plans to join us Feb. 19 (details at left) for a special banquet to honor three outstanding Salthawks. *Biographies and photos of this year's Wall of Honor class can be found on page two.*

Alumni Association is giving back to HHS

With your support, the HHSAA grants \$8,500 annually to our alma mater

The Hutchinson High School Alumni Association is a co-sponsor of the annual Wall of Honor ceremonies, publishes this newsletter as well as www.hutchhighalumni.com and also maintains an alumni database while providing free support for class reunions. But perhaps our most important role is the one in which you, the reader of this newsletter, are directly involved. By collecting annual contributions of \$12 or more from supporters of HHS, we are able to invest in a fund at the Hutchinson Community Foundation from which we make grants to worthy but underfunded initiatives and classroom needs. Since our inception in 1992, we've given \$136,333 to our alma mater in the form of classroom supplies and student scholarships and we've made possible an interesting and diverse range of academic projects and other activities. Supporters like you have made it happen. Won't you please renew your subscription with a 2009 pledge of \$12 or more? See the page four for details and thank you for your support of HHS.

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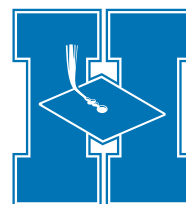
Football moves from Class 6A to 5A, finishes year in a familiar place

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Legacies of achievement and service

The HHSAA congratulates three Salthawks whose lifetime contributions have earned them a spot on the Wall of Honor

Richard W. Dillon, '45

Richard W. Dillon was an icon of achievement and service in Hutchinson for decades. Although he left us in 2002, Dillon's legacy of hard work and many contributions have no doubt inspired his family members and all who knew him. Described as "a man with purpose and with a heart," Dillon made his home in Hutchinson with his wife, Carolyn, three sons, and eventually six grandchildren. He graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1945 and studied at Kansas University.

Dillon served in the Air Force in 1946 and 1947, and again in 1950 and 1951. At the time of his honorable discharge he had achieved the rank of sergeant. While still a young man he kicked off his full-time career with Dillons stores in 1950, always demonstrating his affection for those with whom he worked and always setting high expectations for those around him. He served as Director of Dillons Kansas store operations starting in 1960, eventually working his way to the position of Chairman of the Board, Dillon Co., Inc. in 1989.

Dillon found time to serve his community in sundry ways. He established the Hutchinson Community Foundation in

1989, served two terms on the school board, served on the Topco board for six years, was the president at Prairie Dunes, and served on numerous other organizations and boards, including the local Jaycee's. Dillon was a well-respected man not only for his hard work for his company, but also for his spirit of giving back to the community.

Dale Hankins, '48

Dale Hankins, retired health physicist, graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1948. He earned his bachelor's degree at Emporia State College in 1958 and a master's degree at Kansas University in 1962. He is married to Betty Hankins and they make their home in Hutchinson. Along the way, Hankins has published and presented well over 100 times in his field, and is renowned internationally for his research and development work in neutron instrument and personnel dosimeter development.

Hankins served for three years in the U.S. Army, with one year of combat in Korea. Now retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, he still travels there to work on special projects.

He is a fellow of the Health Physics Society and he served as a scientific expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency on two assignments to Chili. Hankins was employed by Phillips Petroleum at the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho Falls, Idaho, before moving to the Los Alamos National Laboratory where he worked for 13 years. One of two hand held instruments he designed is in use at all nuclear power reactors, accelerators and universities with neutron sources in the United States.

Hankins has served for more than 30 years as a Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster and is active in his church. He is known locally for his annual Christmas yard display, "Going to Grandma's House."

Darrell Pope, '58

Darrell Pope, community leader, was born and raised in Hutchinson. One of 13 children, Pope grew up with Jim Crow laws dictating the rights of his loved ones. Pope has made a lifetime commitment to overcoming prejudice and championing the rights of children to an equal education, and the right of all of us to live in peace and harmony. Words like "straightforward, honest and

THE BUZZ

Five cheers for our fifth-straight state title in football

Coach Randy Dreiling & Co. win a fifth-consecutive state title, thrashing St. Thomas Aquinas 38-0.



Adapted from photo courtesy of Ray Hemman

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caring" and "well-respected" have been used to describe Mr. Pope and his considerable legacy. He graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1958.

Pope is retired from 44 years of work for Cessna/General Dynamics/Eaton Hydraulics. He has enjoyed a 50-year marriage to his wife, Zenobia Pope, and they have two children and eight grandchildren.

Pope has served as President of the Hutchinson NAACP and is a member of the state NAACP Executive Committee. He served on the National

Resolutions Committee and other state and regional committees and has spent considerable

time working in the community, in his church, with the United Way, as a YouthFriend and as a regular visitor to local schools encouraging children and reminding them of the importance of their schoolwork. He is recipient of the distinguished James Stover Award from Eaton World Headquarters, and was appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice to a race dialog committee in Washington, D.C.



Reunion Roundup

Check our website for the most current information. Write us at hhsalumni@usd308.com to submit your reunion details.

Class of 1959 (50 yr)
Oct. 2-3, 2009 (Homecoming)
Jerry (Koontz) Beasley
620-663-6942
jbeasley1940@att.net

Class of 1964 (45 yr)
June 12-13, 2009
Susan (Shears) Hubbard
hubbred@aol.com

Class of 1969 (40 yr)
Oct. 2-3, 2009 (Homecoming)
Pam (Haskard) Hornbeck
38 Random Rd.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
620-802-8057
dandpl@sbcglobal.net
www.hutchhighalumni69.com

Class of 1989 (20 yr)
TBA
Watch hutchhighalumni.com

Class of 1990 (20 yr)
TBA - 2010
Shera Sims
816-380-2221
ssims@aworldofsmiles.net

Class of 1999 (10 yr)
TBA
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Thanks, Bud!

A special thanks to Bud Janner '53, an original HHSAA board member, who announced his retirement at a recent meeting. We appreciate your many years of faithful service!



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