



Pete Clark - Class of 1960

“I am so grateful that my parents enrolled me at Southeast as I was entering 8th grade, transferring from Central Junior, and I'm so lucky to have so many long time great memories and friendships from my years at Southeast, which mean so much to me.”

High School Memories

My most vivid Southeast memory was being elected President of the Roundtable and all the lifelong friends I made, being a member of the All City Student Council.

I helped start two new traditions at Southeast. The first, and the most important, was establishing an award for a Senior Lady Award similar to the Knight's Award for a Senior male. Secondly, we began an exchange assembly/day visitation with other high schools in the KC area. Nancy Coleman, Homecoming Queen, and myself visited and in return hosted the Student Body President and Homecoming Queen from Westport and Shawnee Mission East High Schools.

I lived at 4427 Bellfontaine and 6415 College. I was President of the Round Table, Junior and Senior Class Officer. I was also Sports Editor of The Tower, Sports Editor of the Crusader, Junior Varsity Basketball and Track, Varsity Football team manager.

From a personal viewpoint, the experience of speaking in front of assemblies and large groups, and having the opportunity to meet with students from other high schools was a great opportunity during that time.

From a national viewpoint, racial integration of the public schools, as I am sure most Southeast alumni know, Preston Washington, one the Alumni

Association Board Members, was the first African-American student to enter Southeast when I was a Sophomore in September 1957.

My favorite classes and teachers were Marvin Langford's Family Living class, and he was also faculty Sponsor of "The Round Table."
Away from school, I played 3-and-2 League baseball, buzzed Allen's Drive In and attended "Teen Town."

After High School

I began my college education at Baker University in Baldwin, Ks., where I was initiated into Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Then I transferred to the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1964 and my Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1965.

I was a high school guidance counselor for 2 years at Columbia, Mo. Hickman High School, 1965-1967. I have been in the College Textbook Business since 1967 thru the present, except for 6 years, 1978-1984, when I opened the Coors' beer distributorship with former MU Football coach Dan Devine, in 13 counties around Columbia. I have been with MBS Textbook Exchange since 1984. I have never left Columbia, Mo. since I transferred to Mizzou in Feb '62.

I have a large collection of The Tower, student newspaper, and PROM magazine, a publication that featured high school students and social activities in the KC area high schools.

I would like to thank my classmates for helping me develop my personality and confidence I gained from holding leadership positions during my years at SE.