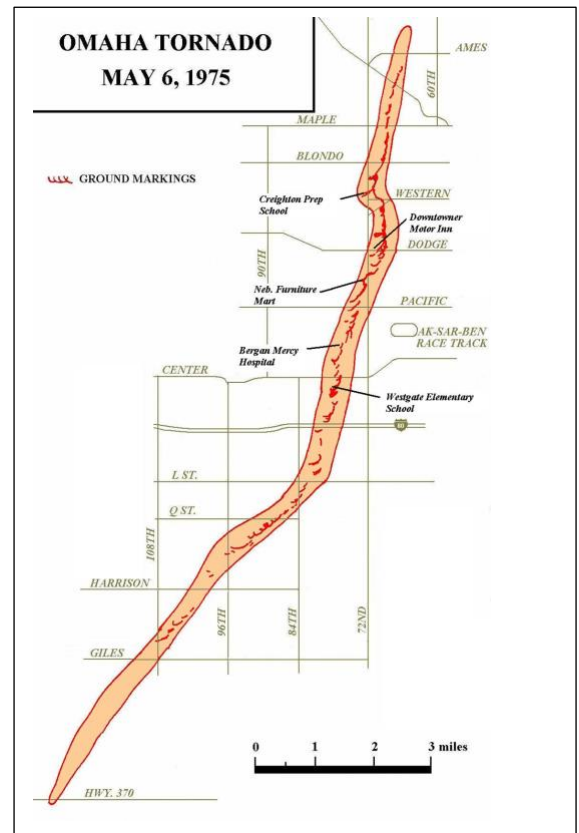


DID YOU KNOW?



Fifty years ago, on May 6th, 1975, a powerful tornado swept through Omaha in the late afternoon. The roar of the wind sounded as if "all the planes from Offutt were coming." This devastating event resulted in the deaths of three people and left between 200 and 300 others injured. The memory of this monstrous tornado will never be forgotten.

By Treasurer Debra Weyers, Class of 1979



Roy Scherling

He remembers that he and the boys were at the gym after track practice when they were told about the tornadoes and instructed to go downstairs. However, he and the other two boys ran off to the boys' dormitory, hoping to get a chance to look at the weather. But Bruce Becker caught them and told them to go to the tunnel instead.

Peggy (Skeen) Scherling

During that early morning, my mom dropped off my graduation invitations in the mailbox on her way to work. Later, she learned about a tornado traveling through the same street where the mailbox was located. My mom freaked out and thought that my graduation invitations might be somewhere in the air. We waited for a week, and then we reached out to our relatives to see if they had received my invitations, and sure enough, they had, so we assumed the invitations were picked up just before the tornado hit. I was at the girls' dormitory when the siren went off, and we were instructed to go down to the tunnel and wait. At that moment, I was concerned about our house since we lived not far from the NSD campus, and hoped it would be alright. Thankfully, it was. It was hard to believe that two significant events occurred in 1975: a severe blizzard in January and a tornado in May. I was deeply grateful that my classmates and I were still able to graduate on May 31st.

