

The Echo

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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Sales of Inspirational Book Boost Scholarship Fund

As stated in the first issue of "The Echo," one of the goals of our alumni newsletter is to kick off a fundraising campaign to increase the BHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. Another goal is to showcase individual alumni, their successes and whereabouts. This article helps meet both goals.

Tom Klein ('53) was a 15-year-old Berlin High School sophomore in 1950 when a spinal cord injury, sustained during a Berlin-West Bend football game, turned his life upside down and this vibrant sports enthusiast into a quadriplegic. He was told he had only a few years to live.

Today, at age 64, he is recognized throughout central Wisconsin as a veteran sports writer and is one of the longest surviving quadriplegics in the country. He was honored in 1982 as "Berlin's No. 1 High School Sports Fan," and most recently, he authored an autobiography called "Defying the Odds." This inspirational and honest accounting of Tom's life, which went on sale for the first time

during this year's Alumni Banquet, receives praise from all who read it. But it's not only the content that deserves praise — it's Tom's intent for the profits. All profits from Tom's book are going to the Tom Klein Scholarship Fund, a sub-fund of the BHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, designed to benefit graduating athletes. It would be a tremendous boost if Berlin alums from far and wide would order Tom's book, and in reading it, honor him and help future graduates in their quest for higher education.

To order copies of **Defying the Odds**, please complete the form at the right.



Tom Klein

We're on the Web!

Thanks to the efforts of Joleen Hess ('94), the BHS Alumni Association has a web site. Next time you're surfing the net, look us up!! You can find us at www.bhsalumni.org. Among all of the interesting things in our web site, you will find past issues of **The Echo**. The Berlin Area School District also has it's own web site, check that out at www.berlin.k12.wi.us.

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