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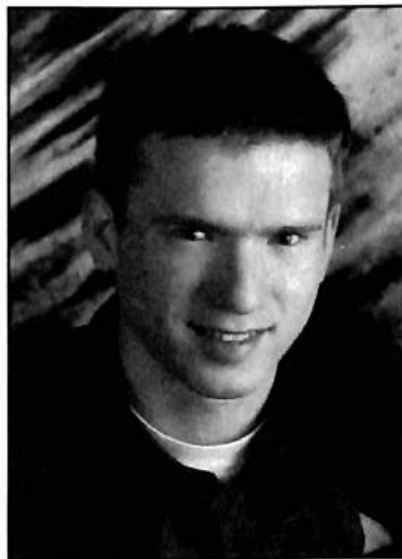
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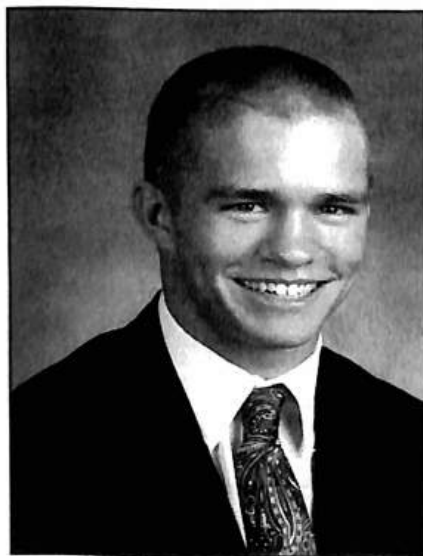
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From Your Editor...

While I was in Cleveland for the Sokol USA Slet last month, I was once again renewed by the Sokol spirit exuded at each event, by each and every participant. Though, as a chaperone to 18 teenagers, I did not get much sleep and subsisted on really fast, less than healthy food, I still would not have missed it. Only true Sokols would find performing calisthenics in a torrential downpouring of rain an emotionally uplifting experience. All who participated, all who watched, were equally moved.

NA ZDAR!

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

7 Sokol Milwaukee Fall Fling
9 Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky Class
Registration
12 Sokol South Omaha Czech
Festival
12 Sokol Detroit Grape Festival
(Vino Brani)
13-14 Sokol New York Class
Registration
18-19 International Ethnic Festival
at Brownstone, MI

SEPTEMBER

26 Sokol Milwaukee Old World
Wisconsin
24 Sokol Stickney Bunco

OCTOBER

17 Sokol Milwaukee Recognition
Dinner
22 Sokol Stickney Pork Dinner
22-23 Sokol Brookfield Rummage Sale

**XIII ALL-SOKOL SLET
JUNE 26-JULY 2, 2000
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC**

THOUGHT STARTERS

from Bro. Jerry Milan, A.S.O. Educational Director

"The real fault is to have faults and not amend them."

~ CONFUCIUS

Our Sokol Credo

To build a healthy and beautiful human body; to cultivate a harmonious and total person; to develop firm character, a well-rounded disposition and a love of truth and justice; to produce strong, lovely and honorable people; that is the goal of a Sokol education.

The following, by Roman Hruska, Jr., appeared in the memorial service program for his father, Sen. Roman Hruska.

Dad was born in David City. Those who knew him in later years might have trouble recognizing him as he was then - a tow-headed kid running bare foot through the hot clay dust of a Nebraska summer. Though he left the tow-head and bare feet in his youth, one thing remained with him - a serious look on his face. Upon this one thing his brothers and sisters will agree: Dad was serious about everything, even in his youth, and this attitude was to characterize him all his life; sometimes to the despair of those who might want him to "lighten up."

In spite of his drive to work at his law practice at all available hours, he knew that recreation with his family was important, so we often went on long Saturday walks in Mandan Park. When he acquired his beloved cabin at Sokol Camp, we spent many weekends toiling away at improvement projects or exploring the endless sandbars and shallow channels of the beautiful Platte River.

Dad had great love for this country that his grandparents had adopted. That he, of poor immigrant heritage, had the honor of serving in Congress was always a wonderment to him. He never sought out headlines - he was elected to represent the interests of Nebraska and its citizens and he did this with

dignity and serious, thoughtful study and deliberation.

Our Czech heritage was an important part of Dad's life. He and mom met at a Sokol event. He gave untold hours to the ZCBJ, now the Western Fraternal Life Association. He had always spoken Czech, but studied it in a formal manner as he grew older. He frequently made speeches in Czech on occasions such as Memorial Day. Even after the voters moved the family to Washington, old friends remained a part of Dad's life. Political ideology was secondary to maintaining the friendships. While not demonstrative in his feelings toward others, his feelings were strong. "Roman's Legion" was a small army of men and women who had passed through his office as assistants, aides, interns and friends. He continued to help and encourage them long after they had moved on, creating a strong loyalty between Dad and his Legionnaires.

He recently passed a milestone on life's road when he had been retired from the Senate longer than he had served. He was somewhat dismayed over the changes the interval had brought, but still had faith that the U.S. Congress would continue to serve his beloved country well.

S Panem Bohem, Tato



Comments (edited) by former Governor Charles Thone at memorial service for Sen. Roman Hruska

He was so special to me and many of you, too.

Roman loved Omaha and he effectively promoted his town throughout his career. He was the Senate architect of its Interstate System. He always thought the Omaha World-Herald was easily the country's best newspaper.

Family was most important to Roman. His wife and lifelong partner, Victoria Kuncl Hruska, was simply the best; a special wife and mother and a political associate in a very effective low-key way. He is survived by his children, Jana, Quentin and Roman and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Most importantly, Roman Hruska's entire life revolved around the law. He lived by this creed once enunciated by Patrick Henry, "Always honor the law, because the law has honored you." Roman spent his first two law years studying at the University of Chicago Law School. Then he attended the Creighton Law School, from which he graduated in 1929, just before the great depression hit with all its fury. In the next 20 or so years, he built up a substantial law practice and from there was appointed to the Douglas County Board. He became its energetic, successful Chairman, known for his integrity and ability. He was always a prodigious worker. Even

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MEMBER IN SIGHT

*By Sis. Joan Curran
ASO Membership Chairman*

Preparing for out of state Slets is exciting. The best part is getting away from the hum-drum of everyday life and going somewhere new!

We all love vacations, even if they are short and sweet. A Sokol short vacation means a lot of planning, practice, physical and mental training for competitions and performances. Our competitive spirit is what keeps us going.

When our Sokol forefathers arrived in America, I'm sure among their belongings was a suitcase holding their Sokol spirit. We just keep throwing that suitcase into the bay of the bus!

Na Zdar!

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION XVII GENERAL CONVENTION

APRIL 27-30, 2000

NOTE: Pre-Convention committees will meet April 25-26, 2000.

Housing at Harveys Casino Hotel • 1 Harveys Blvd. • Council Bluffs, IA.
Meetings and sessions at Sokol Omaha • 13th & Martha Streets • Omaha, NE.

Details will be sent to all ASO Districts and Units.

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AUGUST 27, 1999

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In Memory of
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Sokol USA "Sokolfest 99"

Sokol USA's "Sokolfest 99" activities began with the arrival of participants into Cleveland Wednesday June 23rd. That evening, the Opening Ceremonies were held in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. A lively program followed the formalities of officially "opening" the Slet. The program included a number of dances by the Sokol Greater Cleveland Folk Dancers, a "Cleveland Rocks" dance / tumbling/ pyramid number by a group of Sokol Greater Cleveland Junior Girls/Boys, and an unbelievable presentation by the Rock and Roll World Champions from the Czech Republic. Everyone had a great time and left charged up for a great Slet weekend.

All the gymnastic and Rhythmic competitions were held Thursday at Cleveland State University (CSU) just outside downtown Cleveland a short 1-mile walk from the Sheraton. Cleveland State was a great host for the entire Slet. The gymnastic equipment was excellent with essentially two sets of womens and one set of mens equipment on the floor of a single gymnasium at the same time. The competitions ran pretty smoothly but took longer than planned, extending the rhythmic competition into the evening. Those who could headed off to an open house and goulash supper at 100 year old Bohemian National Hall, much of which has been restored to its original splendor.

Friday was a more relaxing day for most. Shortly before noon, Sokols began to arrive to participate in the Cleveland Grand Prix Parade through downtown Cleveland. Everyone moved to our assigned staging area and as good Sokols, immediately reacted to the commands of the Sokol leadership to assemble in parade formation. Along the entire length of the parade, the audience was treated to pyramids by the TNT performance group from the Central District and street tumbling by some of the gymnasts from Sokol Greater Cleveland. As we rounded the final curve just before the reviewing stand, everyone straightened up a little more and stepped out to the accompanying Sokol marches being piped into the air from a sound truck in the middle of our formation. The Women were particularly impressive marching and waving small American flags overhead in complete unison. It was a moving site. As a result of the efforts of the 320 or so Sokol participants, the parade officials awarded the Sokol group 1st place in the "novelty group" division. Following the parade, those who could still walk, rushed back to CSU for an afternoon of 3-on-3 basketball. In the evening, the younger set headed out to the Good Times amusement park and the older folks enjoyed a buffet dinner and social at the hotel.

Volleyball was the activity of the day all day and into the evening on Saturday. The Awards Dance, held in the ballroom of the hotel, was jammed but the presentations went smoothly. The individual competitor awards were custom medals in the shape of a guitar (in keeping with the Rock-n-Roll theme of the Slet) with a Sokol emblem forming the body of the guitar.

Slet day Sunday was, for the most part, overcast and threatening but hot. The grand assembly took place under bright sunlight. As the children were performing their calisthenics, a light drizzle began. Next was the relay race won by the American Sokol team. The rain began again lightly while the Senior Group II Calisthenics participants were assembling at the rear of the field. As the group marched forward onto the field, the heavens opened up and the rain came in buckets. To the audiences surprise, the seniors stood their ground and performed the entire cal while getting thoroughly drenched. Demonstrating their Sokol discipline, not one person of the hundreds of performers broke ranks and headed for cover. The audience, now under umbrellas, cheered and applauded wildly in appreciation. The overall spirit of the Slet was suddenly lifted sky high. That performance made the Slet. Most of the other number were also performed in some rain but the tone had been set. As if in appreciation of the stalwart performances, the skies opened up to sunlight again just in time for the final number, the Junior/Senior Calisthenics.

Southern District Slet

June 4 - 6, 1999

<u>Junior Girls - Level 1 12-14</u>		
1. Jerrica Vallede	Houston	41.40
<u>Junior Girls - Level 3 12-14</u>		
1. Michelle Barak	Ennis	43.80
<u>Junior Girls - Level 4 12-14</u>		
1. Julia McBride	Ennis	41.50
2. Magdalena Alva	Houston	38.40
<u>Junior Girls - Level 4 15-18</u>		
1. Jennifer Kalina	West	47.20
<u>Junior Girls - Level 3 15-18</u>		
1. Jessica McBride	Ennis	39.80
<u>Junior Girls - Level 5 12-14</u>		
1. Natalie Jakubik	Ennis	43.60
2. Chelsea Gilmore	Ennis	41.70
<u>Junior Girls Level 6 15-18</u>		
1. Jasmine Isom	Ennis	47.70
<u>Junior Boys Class VI 15-18</u>		
1. John McBride	Ennis	53.60
2. Jon Boyd	Ennis	50.80
<u>Junior Boys Class V 15-18</u>		
1. Mario Rinche	Houston	38.70
<u>Women Level 4 18-24</u>		
1. Kandy Cox	West	48.40
<u>Juniors Girls Level 4- Optionals</u>		
1. Jennifer Kalina	West	31.30
<u>Junior Girls Level 5+ Optionals</u>		
1. Jasmine Isom	Ennis	33.40
2. Stephanie Langer	Ennis	32.30
3. Natalie Jakubik	Ennis	29.90
4. Chelsea Gilmore	Ennis	29.50
<u>Womens Optionals</u>		
1. Kandy Cox	West	35.10
2. Tiffany Dlabaj	Ennis	30.20

Central District Slet

May 22 - 23, 1999

Our event this year was hosted at Sokol Brookfield on May 22, 1999. The actual Slet was rained out (no inside option). Everyone was invited to Sokol Tabor to try & get rid of all the food we had purchased. As the afternoon progressed all the 1st and 2nd Class Boys and Girls who came wanted to do the Cal. So we put on the music & away they went, performing to a standing ovation. Not to be out done the Jrs. & Srs present were prompted onto the floor & tried their best to perform in the tight quarters of Sokol Tabor's lower hall. The complete Cal was performed, minus the tosses. To cap the afternoon off, all the Srs. in the Sr. II Cal got up & also performed their Cal. Everyone who came had a great time.

Junior Boys Novice

1. Adam Wilt	Ber-Slav	65.60
2. Peter Tomeczko	Ber-Slav	64.25
3. Casey Rocush	Ber-Slav	63.85
4. Jon Kovar-Tookey	Brookfield	62.90
5. Patrick Baldys	Ber-Slav	60.10
6. Michael MacDonald	Ber-Slav	59.60
7. Eric Lindholm	Ber-Slav	55.70

Junior Boys - Mod. Class 7

1. Kevin Wheet	Stickney	69.85
2. George Szydlo	Brookfield	68.20
3. Marc Wheet	Stickney	67.85
4. Scott Johnstone	Brookfield	67.80
5. Howard Maskill	Ber-Slav	67.05
5. David Aguirre	Brookfield	67.05
7. Alex Ybarra	Lodge 306	66.50
8. Michael Dropka	Ber-Slav	65.85
9. Warren Wilke	Lodge 306	65.70
10. Brain Kuyken	Lodge 306	61.55
11. Bryan Balin	Ber-Slav	61.20
12. David Maskowski	Tabor	60.45
13. Andy Bures	Ber-Slav	59.95
14. Michael Maskowski	Tabor	55.80

Junior boys - Mod Class 6

1. Matthew Kocek	Chicagoland	70.55
2. Andrew Lutha	Ber-Slav	70.05
3. Doug Gilbert	Ber-Slav	68.70
4. Christopher Chrobak	Ber-Slav	68.45
5. Owen Reynolds	Lodge 306	65.20
6. Nicholas Zaryczny	Ber-Slav	63.80

Senior Men - Mod. Class 7

1. John Bazata	Brookfield	58.30
2. Tim Pucetti	Tabor	43.50

Senior Men - Mod. Class 6

1. Michael Michalek	Chicagoland	62.85
2. Bryan Pracko	Lodge 306	59.45

**MAKE PLANS EARLY
PRAGUE SLET 2000
Slet Days - July 1-2**

**Mens/Junior Boys Calisthenics
Womens/Junior Girls "Flags"
Womens/Junior Girls "Bolero"
Loyal Guard Calisthenics**

**Watch For Details On The
American Sokol Tour**

Western District Slet

June 11 - 12, 1999

Junior Girls - Level 2

1. Martha Alarcon	Crete	39.75
2. Jessica Longwell	Crete	39.70
3. Hilary Foster	Crete	39.30

Junior Girls - Level 4

1. Sokol South Omaha		127.90
2. Sokol South Omaha		122.20
3. Sokol Cedar Rapids		118.40

1. Veronica Kool	South Omaha	43.85
2. Amber Roberts	South Omaha	42.20
3. Carrie Kubovy	South Omaha	41.85
4. Sarah Jencks	Cedar Rapids	41.80
5. Kristi Todd	South Omaha	41.30
6. Tiffany Bridges	South Omaha	40.55
7. Michaela Mauseth	South Omaha	40.35
8. Karlee Sweeney	Cedar Rapids	40.10
9. Brooke Masek	South Omaha	39.90
10. Whitney Fuller	Crete	39.55
11. Sherry Nigro	Omaha	39.10
12. Danielle Martinez	South Omaha	38.95
13. Amy Arthurs	Cedar Rapids	36.50

Junior Girls - Level 5

1. Skye Wakefield	South Omaha	41.80
2. LeAnn Vance	South Omaha	38.20

Junior Girls - Level 6

1. Katie Kosmos	Crete	36.95
2. Lindsey Balkovec	South Omaha	31.10

Junior Girls - Championship

1. Sophia Theophilopoulos	South Omaha	41.10
2. Alison Kool	South Omaha	40.70
3. Stephanie Jaksich	South Omaha	36.35

Women - Novice

1. Pam Hoogerwerf	Cedar Rapids	44.95
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Women - Intermediate

1. Becky Wilk	South Omaha	44.20
2. Connie Barber	South Omaha	42.55

Women - Level 4

1. Tina Barta	Crete	42.25
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Junior Girls - Rhythmics - Level 5

1. Skye Wakefield	South Omaha	10.70
2. Carrie Kubovy	South Omaha	10.60
3. Veronica Kool	South Omaha	10.30
3. Amber Roberts	South Omaha	10.30
4. Tiffany Bridges	South Omaha	9.60
4. Brooke Masek	South Omaha	9.60
5. Danielle Martinez	South Omaha	9.50
6. Michaela Mauseth	South Omaha	9.20

Junior Girls - Rhythmics - Level 6

1. Alison Kool	South Omaha	10.40
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2. LeAnn Vance	South Omaha	9.90
3. Stephanie Jaksich	South Omaha	9.50
4. Lindsey Balkovec	South Omaha	8.70

Women - Rhythmics - Novice

1. Phyllis Kool	South Omaha	10.80
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Junior Boys - Novice

1. Andrew Dalton	South Omaha	43.80
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Junior Boys - Class 7

1. Robert Husemann	South Omaha	53.10
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Junior Boys - Class 6

1. Bo Benak	South Omaha	47.20
2. Jason Barber	South Omaha	46.10
3. Dustin Husemann	South Omaha	44.60
4. Steven Kowalski	Omaha	40.90

Junior Boys - Championship

1. Bill Kool	South Omaha	38.40
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Men - Novice

1. Bud Benak	South Omaha	54.50
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Men - Class 6

1. Buddy Benak	South Omaha	55.80
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Northeastern District Slet

June 12 - 13, 1999

Junior Girls - Novice

1. Becky Pappas	Gr. Cleveland
2. Lisa Meyer	Gr. Cleveland

Junior Girls - Intermediate

1. Erin Pappas	Gr. Cleveland
2. Christine Hirsch	Gr. Cleveland

Junior Girls - Level 4

1. Gretchen Vencl	Gr. Cleveland
2. Allison Schweda	Gr. Cleveland
3. Suzie Vures	Gr. Cleveland

Junior Girls - Level 5

1. Laura Borovsky	Detroit
2. Amber Winkley	Gr. Cleveland
3. Kathy Kavan	Gr. Cleveland

Junior Boys - Novice

1. Curtis Varouh	Gr. Cleveland	57.60
2. Mark Beckerman	Gr. Cleveland	55.90
3. Matt Carozzi	Gr. Cleveland	55.15

Junior Boys - Class 7

1. Blair Panackia	Detroit	57.40
2. Scott Singley	Detroit	51.75
3. Brent Ritter	Detroit	44.70

Junior Boys - Class 6

1. Steve Wise	Gr. Cleveland	60.25
2. Mike Wise	Gr. Cleveland	58.40
3. Eric Singley	Detroit	53.00
4. Jonathan Ciesla	Gr. Cleveland	52.60

Junior Boys - Class 2

1. Kevin Fitzpatrick	Gr. Cleveland	46.25
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Sokol U.S.A. Slet in Cleveland

June 23-27, 1999

Junior Girls - Novice

1. Sokol New York		126.15
2. Sokol Gr. Cleveland		92.25
1. Diana Braham	New York	42.40
2. Tracy Florio	New York	42.00
3. Samantha Gregory	New York	41.75
4. Heather McGee	USA Boonton	40.65
5. Lisa Meyer	Gr. Cleveland	31.00
5. Becky Pappas	Gr. Cleveland	31.00
7. Melanie McGowan	Gr. Cleveland	29.35
8. Elysse Teplitzky	Gr. Cleveland	28.20

Junior Girls - Intermediate

1. Sokol New York		126.70
2. Sokol Gr. Cleveland		98.25
1. Patricia Teglo	USA Farrell	42.85
2. Emma Stone	New York	42.80
3. Courtney Chavara	USA Farrell	41.75
4. Lucy Conlon	New York	41.50
5. Emily Gorden	New York	41.00
6. Amanda Romano	New York	40.05
7. Kristin Kulhanek	Tabor	37.50
8. Erin Banks	Ceska Sin	36.75
9. Christine Maskill	Ber-Slav	36.50
10. Karla Pinizzotto	Gr. Cleveland	34.40
11. Virginia Kocek	Chicagoland	33.45
12. Heidi VencI	Gr. Cleveland	32.50
13. Erin Pappas	Gr. Cleveland	31.35
14. Rebecca Wilke	Lodge 306	29.05

Junior Girls - Level 4

1. Sokol USA Leechburg		131.55
2. Sokol South Omaha I		125.20
3. Sokol South Omaha II		124.40
4. Sokol Tabor		123.00
5. Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky		121.50
6. Sokol Gr. Cleveland I		120.45
7. Sokol Gr. Cleveland II		118.45
8. Sokol Chicagoland		117.10
1. Haley Gearhart	Leechburg	44.80
2. Erica Gaines	USA Farrell	44.65
3. Alex Simko	New York	44.45
4. Patricia Mincone	D.A. Sokol	43.95
5. Megan Lackaye	New York	43.25
6. Alexandra Hesson	Leechburg	43.10
7. Dustie Richards	Leechburg	42.65
8. Carrie Kubovy	South Omaha	42.00

9. Michaela Mauseth	South Omaha	41.90
10. Evie Cutshaw	Ceska Sin	41.80
11. Denise Pegg	USA Farrell	41.75
11. Savannah Smail	Leechburg	41.75
13. Kristi Todd	South Omaha	41.70
14. Sharon Nigro	Omaha	41.65
15. Lauren Strzepek	USA 306	41.45
16. Megan Petkus	Tabor	41.35
17. Stacey Domzalski	Chicagoland	41.30
18. Tiffany Bridges	South Omaha	41.10
19. Elizabeth Chrobak	Ber-Slav	41.00
20. Guadalupe Kuri	Tabor	40.95
21. Ashley Croft	Ber-Slav	40.80
21. Veronica Kool	South Omaha	40.80
23. Tori Kathrein	Tabor	40.70
24. Gretchen VencI	Gr. Cleveland	40.55
25. Amber Roberts	South Omaha	40.45
26. Suzy Bures	Gr. Cleveland	40.10
27. Michelle Fenos	Gr. Cleveland	39.90
28. Jackie Alcantara	Ber/Slav	39.70
29. Annette Bartik	Gr. Cleveland	39.45
30. Danielle Martinez	South Omaha	39.25
31. Alison Schweda	Gr. Cleveland	39.15
32. Angeli DelCarlo	Chicagoland	39.10
33. Brooke Masek	South Omaha	38.95
34. Maya Simek	Gr. Cleveland	38.90
35. Anne Kocek	Chicagoland	36.70
36. Stephanie Bohach	Gr. Cleveland	35.90
37. Cara Procup	Gr. Cleveland	34.45
38. Tracey Oryl	Gr. Cleveland	31.70

Junior Girls - Level 5

1. Sokol Gr. Cleveland		114.20
2. Sokol Tabor		93.45
1. Skye Wakefield	South Omaha	42.65
2. Jessica Stewart	D.A. Sokol	42.60
3. Christine Blake	New York	41.05
4. LeAnn Vance	South Omaha	41.00
5. Amber Winkley	Gr. Cleveland	39.45
6. Katherine Kavan	Gr. Cleveland	39.20
7. Thalassa Millwood	Lodge 306	38.10
8. Cassandra Croft	Ber-Slav	36.90
9. Alana Romanski	Gr. Cleveland	36.70
10. Teresa Kulhanek	Tabor	32.75
11. Dana Bohach	Gr. Cleveland	32.60
12. Maria Pinizzotto	Gr. Cleveland	32.30
13. Nicole Bolcar	USA Booton	31.75
14. Brittany Statler	Tabor	30.90
15. Lori Spirek	Tabor	29.80

Junior Girls - Level 6

1. Kati Kosmos	Crete	39.75
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2. Lindsey Balkovec	South Omaha	34.35
3. Allison Lickteig	Ber-Slav	31.60
4. Rose Porod	Ber-Slav	30.90

Junior Girls - Championship

1. Alison Kool	South Omaha	77.50
2. Sophia Theophilopoulos	South Omaha	76.85
3. Stephanie Jaksich	South Omaha	71.30
4. Angelica Puchala	Ber-Slav	65.15
5. Julia Hickey	Tabor	59.00

Senior - Women - Novice

1. Mary Panackia	Detroit	45.95
2. Genevieve Perrew	Tabor	44.45
3. Nancy Colagrossi	Tabor	44.00
4. Florence DelCarlo	Chicagoland	42.45
5. Catherine Kocek	Chicagoland	40.10
6. Robin Kotlan	Ceska Sin	39.40
7. Beverly Domzalski	Chicagoland	36.85

Senior - Women - Intermediate

1. Becky Wilk	South Omaha	45.10
1. Anny Moravec	Chicagoland	45.10
3. Erin Early	New York	41.15
4. Connie Barber	South Omaha	41.05
5. Chris Liedtke	D.A. Sokol	39.95
6. Andrea Scheirer	Chicagoland	39.15
7. Angela Wise	Gr. Cleveland	39.05
8. Angela Bartik	Gr. Cleveland	35.95

Senior Women - Level 4

1. Sokol Ceska Sin	134.05
2. Sokol Gr. Cleveland	126.25

1. Nita Praditpan	Lodge 306	45.30
2. Charity Ruhl	Leechburg	45.10
2. Elizabeth Sklodowski	Gr. Cleveland	45.10
4. Willow Kotlan	Ceska Sin	45.05
5. Dawn Soneson	Ceska Sin	44.90
6. Heather Steenson	Ceska Sin	44.10
7. Christina Curran	Tabor	43.25
8. Janel Wambach	Lodge 306	42.15
9. Emanuella Grinberg	New York	41.50
10. Julie Meyer	Gr. Cleveland	40.55
11. Elizabeth Kocek	Chicagoland	40.45
12. Rebecca Jandrokovic	Gr. Cleveland	40.15
13. Angela LoGiudice	Tabor	40.05
14. Kristen Kolesar	Ceska Sin	39.45
15. Holly Day	Gr. Cleveland	39.10
16. Debbie Nardi	Ber-Slav	36.55

Senior - Women - Level 5

1. D.A. Sokol	115.70
2. Sokol Gr. Cleveland	115.25

1. Jeanette Baer	D.A. Sokol	41.00
2. Jennifer Chrusuel	Gr. Cleveland	40.10
3. Emily Prokop	Gr. Cleveland	39.40

4. Michelle Jirousek	Gr. Cleveland	38.60
5. Melissa Sanfillippo	D.A. Sokol	38.40
6. Monica Casais	D.A. Sokol	36.30
7. Nicole Marchluk	Ber-Slav	33.00
8. Melanie Krol	Gr. Cleveland	32.90
9. Linda Lash	Gr. Cleveland	27.55

Senior - Women - Level 6

1. Susie Caraccio	D.A. Sokol	44.40
2. Lorette Maggio	D.A. Sokol	41.75

Senior - Women - Championship

1. Janet Lutha	Ber-Slav	80.05
2. Kandi Ondrovic	Ber-Slav	77.30
3. Brandi Kovac	Central Jersey	76.70
4. Irene Bastas	D.A. Sokol	73.65
5. Kate Stahulak	Chicagoland	69.85
6. Tadeja Cetin	Slovenia	69.20
7. Karyn Domzalski	Chicagoland	65.25

Senior - Women - Masters I

1. Jane Wise	Gr. Cleveland	46.00
2. Lori Proksa	Chicagoland	44.15
3. Nada Venc	Gr. Cleveland	43.75
4. Janice Spaulding	Gr. Cleveland	43.50
5. Charlotte Beckerman	Gr. Cleveland	42.75
6. Chyral Becka	Gr. Cleveland	40.50
7. Sally McGowan	Gr. Cleveland	39.35
8. MaryEllen Newsom	Chicagoland	34.85

Senior - Women - Masters II

1. Dorothy Steenson	Ceska Sin	45.40
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Junior Boys - Novice

1. Sokol Gr. Cleveland	169.80
2. Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky	166.65

1. Jeff Kummerlan	Ceska Sin	62.85
2. Charlie Beckerman	Gr. Cleveland	57.25
3. Peter Tomeczko	Ber-Slav	56.15
4. Adam Wilt	Ber-Slav	55.25
5. Curtis Varouh	Gr. Cleveland	54.75
5. Jon Kovar-Tooke	Brookfield	54.75
7. Matthew Carozzi	Gr. Cleveland	54.55
8. Casey Rocush	Ber-Slav	54.35
9. Mark Beckerman	Gr. Cleveland	54.30
10. Andrew Dalton	South Omaha	53.90
11. Eric Lindholm	Ber-Slav	49.35
12. Alec Meredith	Lodge 306	48.25

Junior Boys - Class 7

1. Sokol USA Booton	169.60
2. Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky	162.80

1. Jim Kummerlan	Ceska Sin	59.25
2. Gary Gurreri	D.A. Sokol	59.15
3. Robert Huseman	South Omaha	58.85
4. Anthony Vlasica	USA Booton	57.50
5. Scott Johnstone	Brookfield	57.00

6. Warren Wilke	Lodge 306	56.40	2. Bryan Pracko	Lodge 306	60.70
7. Howard Maskill	Ber-Slav	56.25	3. Scott Pracko	Lodge 306	59.90
7. Doug Gill	USA Booton	56.25	4. Mike Michalek	Chicagoland	59.75
9. Blair Panackia	Detroit	55.90	5. Ted Polashek	Tabor	58.50
10. Vincent Eaton	USA Booton	55.85	6. Scott Soneson	Ceska Sin	57.35
11. Brian Taylor	New York	55.05	7. John Janega	Londe 306	53.55
12. Kranjec Tomaz	Slovenia	54.55	8. Gregory Becker	Ber-Slav	51.65
13. Michael Dropka	Ber-Slav	53.90			
13. Brian Kuyken	Lodge 306	53.90			
15. Andy Bures	Ber-Slav	52.65			
16. Rozman Domen	Slovenia	39.25			

Junior Boys - Class 6

1. Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky	168.90
2. Sokol South Omaha	165.85
3. Sokol Greater Cleveland	158.50

1. Matthew Kocek	Chicagoland	59.50
2. Paul Koc	Stickney	59.30
3. Bohumir Benak	South Omaha	58.25
4. Andy Lutha	Ber-Slav	56.55
5. Stephen Mullarkey	D.A. Sokol	56.25
6. Christopher Chrobak	Ber-Slav	56.20
7. Douglas Gilbert	Ber-Slav	56.15
8. Steve Wise	Gr. Cleveland	55.70
9. Matthew Novaes	D.A. Sokol	55.35
10. Dustin Huseman	South Omaha	55.15
11. Owen Reynolds	Lodge 306	53.70
12. Mike Wise	Gr. Cleveland	53.55
13. Jason Barber	South Omaha	52.45
14. Jonathan Ciesla	Gr. Cleveland	49.25
15. Steven Kowalski	Omaha	48.45

Junior Boys - Class 5

1. Joseph Vorlicek	D.A. Sokol	59.90
2. Phillip Mincone	D.A. Sokol	57.05
3. Michael Conway	D.A. Sokol	42.35

Junior Boys - Championship

1. Bill Kool	South Omaha	106.50
2. Kevin Fitzpatrick	Gr. Cleveland	95.65
3. Steven Walde	Lodge 306	91.20
4. Robert Varga	Slovakia	84.85

Senior - Men - Novice

1. Vojmir Benak	South Omaha	62.75
2. Andrew Baszuk	Ceska Sin	58.20
3. Ivo Syptak	Toronto	56.60
4. Charles Hyke	Toronto	55.50

Senior - Men - Class 7

1. Rich Smetana	Ceska Sin	61.20
2. Rudy Sanfilippo	D.A. Sokol	59.20
3. Ken Nagel	Ber-Slav	57.90
4. Bob Kucera	Naperville	56.80
5. Tim Puccetti	Tabor	47.85

Senior - Men - Class 6

1. Buddy Benak	South Omaha	64.85
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2. Bryan Pracko	Lodge 306	60.70
3. Scott Pracko	Lodge 306	59.90
4. Mike Michalek	Chicagoland	59.75
5. Ted Polashek	Tabor	58.50
6. Scott Soneson	Ceska Sin	57.35
7. John Janega	Londe 306	53.55
8. Gregory Becker	Ber-Slav	51.65

Senior - Men - Class 5

1. Tibor Klacek	Slovakia	61.35
2. Peter Lattanzio	D.A. Sokol	60.55
3. Jonathan Conrad	Detroit	56.10
4. Martin Povysil	Slovakia	53.35
5. Richard Laux	South Omaha	53.10
6. Miroslav Lazorik	Slovakia	52.70

Senior - Men - Championship

1. Drago Zerjav	Slovenia	111.00
2. Jeff Marchluk	Ber-Slav	93.75

Senior - Men - Masters

1. John Bazata	Brookfield	61.25
2. Frank Michalek	Chicagoland	61.05
3. Tony Rospotynski	Ceska Sin	60.30
4. Gary Dolezal	Gr. Cleveland	60.25
5. Ron Chernet	Ceska Sin	59.40
6. Ken Howard	Ceska Sin	58.35
7. Jan Waldauf	Toronto	56.40

Junior Girls - Rhythmic - Level 5

1. Stacey Domzalski	Chicagoland	15.70
2. Megan Petkus	Tabor	15.65
2. Guadalupe Kuri	Tabor	15.65
4. Vernoica Kool	South Omaha	15.60
5. Carrie Kubovy	South Omaha	15.55
6. Skye Wakefield	South Omaha	15.20
6. Gretchen Venc	Gr. Cleveland	15.20
8. Kimberley Matuska	Toronto	15.05
9. Kristin Kulhanek	Tabor	14.70
10. Amber Winkley	Gr. Cleveland	14.50
11. Tiffany Bridges	South Omaha	14.25
12. Michaela Mauseth	South Omaha	13.85
13. Amber Roberts	South Omaha	13.55
14. Danielle Martinez	South Omaha	13.45
15. Heidi Venc	Gr. Cleveland	13.25
16. Brooke Masek	South Omaha	12.90
17. Virginia Kocek	Chicagoland	11.80

Junior Girls - Rhythmic - Level 6

1. Alison Kool	South Omaha	17.25
2. Teresa Kulhanek	Tabor	16.70
3. LeAnn Vance	South Omaha	14.65
4. Stephanie Jaksich	South Omaha	14.15
5. Tori Kathrein	Tabor	14.10
6. Brittany Statler	Tabor	13.75
7. Angeli DelCarlo	Chicagoland	13.70
8. Lindsey Balkovec	South Omaha	11.80
9. Anne Kocek	Chicagoland	9.30

Women - Rhythmics - Novice

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| 1. Tracy Konior | Chicagoland | 14.00 |
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Women - Rhythmics - Level 5

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| 1. Dita Hykel | Toronto | 17.55 |
| 2. Andrea Scheirer | Chicagoland | 16.45 |
| 3. Hana Becka | Toronto | 16.30 |
| 4. Jennifer Matuska | Toronto | 15.40 |
| 5. Genevieve Perrewew | Tabor | 15.35 |
| 6. Linda Lash | Gr. Cleveland | 14.95 |
| 7. Michele Juba | Gr. Cleveland | 13.45 |

Women - Rhythmics - Level 6

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|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. Christina Curran | Tabor | 16.90 |
| 2. Karalyn Selk | South Omaha | 16.75 |
| 3. Anny Moravec | Chicagoland | 16.30 |
| 4. Elizabeth Kocek | Chicagoland | 16.25 |
| 5. Angela LoGiudice | Tabor | 15.60 |

Women - Rhythmics - Masters Novice

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|------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1. Phyllis Kool | South Omaha | 15.90 |
| 2. Marjorie Juba | Gr. Cleveland | 14.90 |
| 3. Chyral Becka | Gr. Cleveland | 13.60 |

Women - Rhythmics - Masters Level 5

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|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Catherin Kocek | Chicagoland | 13.40 |
| 2. Mary Ellen Newsom | Chicagoland | 12.80 |
| 3. Linda Hanson | Central Jersey | 12.10 |

Women - Rhythmics - Masters Level 6

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| 1. Mary Panackia | Detroit | 15.05 |
| 2. Flo DelCarlo | Chicagoland | 13.40 |

What Sokol Means to Me

by William Kool

Sokol South Omaha, Western District

Sokol is family to me, and I'm not saying this because we address each other as brother and sister, or because it's an easy essay answer. Sokol has been my home for thirteen years and sometimes it seems like I spend more time at the hall than my own house. I can always expect to see someone from my biological family at Sokol. My grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, sisters, and cousins are all a part of Sokol. Just like a real family, Sokol has its ups and its downs; and just like real family members, Sokol members will do almost anything for a fellow brother or sister in need. Sometimes we bicker, argue, or make an occasional complaint to anyone that will listen, but our love never dies and we know that in the end we'll still be friends. Our passion and love is difficult to describe to outsiders, and you really need to experience it to understand. The basic difference between Sokol and a real family is that anyone can share and benefit. It doesn't matter who you are, there's always a welcome mat under the door with a Sokol logo.

What Sokol Means to Me

by Lezlee Wester

Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky,
Southern District

Whenever I hear the word Sokol, I don't just think of one thing. When our Sokol burned down in 1990 I had the privilege of watching and helping with the new building that was being built. It was then, that I realized that Sokol was more than just a building; it was a home to me.

I have enjoyed being a part of the Sokol family because I am fifty percent Czech. I had the opportunity in 1995 to represent Sokol KHB in Prague. When we were there, I had the privilege of visiting the Sokol. Sokol has made me more aware of my Czech heritage and I have come to appreciate it more.

Sokol has taught me how to be a stronger person and to believe in myself. It has also taught me how to be more responsible. This was the first year that I was in charge of my own class. If it was not for what the courses offered me, I would not have been so successful.

I have also gained new friendships through Sokol that will last me a life time. I can be at a Sokol function and know that I am always welcome. I always look forward to slets so I can meet more people. Sokol people are like no others.

What Sokol Means to Me

by Joe Kucera

Sokol Naperville, Central District

My many experiences in Sokol have taught me just how special Sokol is to me. Sokol isn't only a place to do gymnastics and calisthenics, and it's more than just a building. It's all the memories that I have acquired by actively participating in unit and district events. After being in the Sokol program for fourteen years, I can look back and remember all the great memories I've had. From tots to this, my last year as a junior, I've learned one of life's important lessons, that hard work pays off in the end. The hard work I put in on apparatus during class time paid off by the awards I won at competitions. Hard work on the many calisthenics and special numbers I've been involved in also pays off during exhibitions. While working hard, I still managed to have fun with the friends I made in class. When my family moved to Naperville, I was worried that I would have to give up all the fun times I had in Sokol, but Sokol Naperville became my new gym. There I got to meet new friends and share many of the same experiences that I had at Sokol Slavsky. In more recent years I've had the

opportunity to travel, and meet new friends throughout the Sokol organization. I've competed and participated in Slets in Indianapolis, Toronto, and Philadelphia as well as two in the Chicago area, and all the Central District Slets. Also, this past summer, at my advanced school, I graduated at the top of my class. This was a great memory that I will keep for a very long time. Recent memories have come from my past three years as a member of the Central District, TNT, tumbling team. I am very proud to have the opportunity to represent the Central District. As I teach the first and second class boys as an assistant instructor, I have the opportunity to give those boys some of the same good times that I had growing up in the Sokol program. What Sokol really means to me now is passing on the traditions that I was taught.

What Sokol Means to Me

by Emmuella Grinberg

Sokol New York, Eastern District

In every person's life, there is something that serves as a guiding force, one that teaches and gives us a purpose. In addition to my family, I have been fortunate enough to have Sokol also serve that function. Not only has it provided me with a fun athletic activity and kept me fit, but its social functions have exposed me to morals, values, and a wide spectrum of personalities. Just its motto, "A sound mind in a sound body," has always encouraged personal health and correct, honest behavior within me. In addition, the people I have met in my years at Sokol have fostered within me a certain respect and tolerance for humanity at large. I have seen so many different sorts of personalities and lifestyles because of my Sokol experience, which has allowed me to grasp the breadth of human character and social development. I find myself to be more aware and tolerant as a result of my experience in Sokol.

On an even more personal level, Sokol has become a second support system for myself and my family. Following the death of my father, I found the Sokol community readily willing and available to provide us with any means of support we were in need of. They helped provide us with opportunities we almost missed, but more importantly was there to assure us that they cared about our survival and well-being. Even on a daily basis, I value the friendships I have made through Sokol more than any others, for Sokol has put me in contact with people who are the most fun, most kind, and most real of any other people I know.

So what does Sokol mean to me? Sokol to me has been a life-shaping experience, giving me friends, a purpose and goals. I look forward to all Sokol functions for a good time and to all the things I am able to accomplish in Sokol as though they were rites of passage. Sokol is my second family, my second home, my moral arbitrator and my guide through life.

Prague Calisthenics Workshop

Immediately following the Sokol USA Slet in Cleveland, the American Sokol conducted a calisthenics workshop for the calisthenics to be performed at the Prague 2000 Slet. Sokol Greater Cleveland hosted the workshop and the COS instructors who had come to Cleveland to participate in the Slet and stayed to teach.

The workshop was attended by 40 full time students and 4 evening students and represented all six districts of the American Sokol, Sokol USA, DA Sokol, and Sokol Canada. The clinicians were:

- ◆ Loyal Guard - Authors Jirina Rubesova & Zdenek Svoboda
- ◆ Mens Calisthenics - Author Vaclav Pavelka
- ◆ Womens "Flags" - Author Jaroslava Zitna
- ◆ Womens "Bolero" - Marcela Kostohryzova

The workshop was structured to have 2 - 90 minute sessions for each calisthenics each day with breaks and meals between each session. Since Wednesday was only a half day, there was one 60 minute session for each calisthenics.

The workshop was also honored to have in attendance Roman Kolb and Michaela Vecerova the Rock and Roll World Champions. They managed to squeeze in about 90 minutes of training on a special 90 second lively Rock and Roll / Aerobic number to be performed, hopefully by a world record number of participants, during one of the Slet Performances in Prague.

Most of the men participating in the workshop worked on both Loyal Guard and the Mens Calisthenics and most of the women worked on Loyal Guard and Womens Flags and/or Bolero making for a very full day of calisthenics training.

Although the workshop was conducted in Czech, there were enough people around who could translate. By the end of the workshop, there probably wasn't anyone who couldn't understand "1-2-3-4" or "markers".

Sokol Greater Cleveland should be commended for being gracious hosts and insuring that everyone learned a lot and enjoyed this very successful Workshop.

MEMORIAM • Bro. Marc Johnson

The Sokol South Omaha Honor Guard gathered April 18 to say farewell to a fellow Sokol who was dear to us - Bro. Marc Johnson. Bro. Johnson died April 15 after an accidental fall from a building. Bro. Marc became a member of Sokol South Omaha in 1980 and had attended gymnastics classes since he was a young boy.

Marc served in many ways and on many committees. He was President of the Gym Club when he was in Junior Boys. Upon election into the Unit, he served as Director of Education, Chairman of the Czech Festival, Delegate to the 1985 Convention in Chicago, Western District

Delegate, a member of the Memorial Day Committee and volunteered for every Czech Festival. He served as a diligent worker who could always be counted on. His long years of service, his willingness to help, his dedication to Sokol and the Sokol ideals and his concern for the well being of other Sokol members put him into a special category in our memories.

Much of Marc's early life was consumed by Sokol activities and the lessons, ideas and principals stayed with him throughout his life. Those ideas required courage, devotion, self-sacrifice, labor and effort for its achieve-

ment. This is not the easy way, but one that brings its own type of reward. That of integrity and honesty, the virtues that Bro. Mar. Displayed. At his essence, Marc was a person with a pure heart. He delighted in putting a smile on the faces of children and those he met and we are all very fortunate to have known him. Those that he leaves here shall be forever warmed because he lived with us.

We can assure those who loved him that we knew him to be a good, honest, happiness-giving man. His memory will be forever cherished at Sokol South Omaha.

Na Zdar!

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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies. ~ William Tyler Page

THE VOICE ... Readers Quips, Comments & Queries

To all my dear friends, who rushed with prayers and wishes of speedy recovery, my deepest thanks.

I went through a difficult period - heart attack, triple by-pass surgery, stroke, limited function of kidneys, lung embolism and pneumonia. I stayed in three hospitals and a rehabilitation center. My family decided they will take me into their home care and so it is. Kveta and I are staying with them and under the doctor's and physical therapist's care they are taking the best care of me they can. After all this, I ended up with paralysis to the right side of my body. Fortunately, my speech and mind are not affected and with a great joy I can tell you that each day I am getting more and more signals to my body that I can work with.

With all my might, I will try to get back to my old self so I can be with all of you soon.

Na Zdar! **BRO. JIRI LISKA**

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THE VOICE *... Readers Quips, Comments & Queries*

From Golden West Lodge #377 WFLA:

The members of Western Fraternal Life Association, Golden West Lodge #377 were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of the Honorable Roman L. Hruska. He was truly a gentleman and a scholar and was highly respected by everyone and everywhere. He was very proud of his Czech ancestry and always worked tirelessly and gave his full support to all Czech organizations. He will be sorely missed. Our members wish to remember him and honor him and are sending a check in the amount of \$100 in his memory. Na Zdar!

Hruska Memoriam *(continued)*

his political adversaries conceded that he achieved a lot the old fashioned way - he earned it. Then to Congress for most of one term and then 22 years in the U.S. Senate.

It was as the "minority Leader" of the Senate Judiciary Committee for almost 20 years that Senator Hruska formally and extraordinarily honored the law. He worked awfully hard and most effectively to not only give fairness, but structure and design to the law so it would be more effective and easier to use by

Federal Judges, the Federal Court System and lawyers. For several years, no Justice Department initiatives, no Federal Judgeships, no major legislation moved out of the Senate Judiciary Committee until it had received his careful scrutiny and approval. Throughout, he honored the law and he honored the Senate as an Institution.

Above all, let's remember this about him... Grace was in his soul, a smile and kind word were on his lips and friendship was in his heart always. First, last and

always, he was a gentleman. These words are so true for Roman and perhaps, they alone might be a fitting eulogy. And, as a very recent World-Herald editorial writer noted: "The standards for integrity and service that Sen. Hruska set for himself will long stand as his most fitting memorial."

Roman, you had a long and superlative live and we're all a little better because you cared and touched us. In Czech - na zdar - good bye - dear Roman.

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