

Dear Phillips Exes and Teachers,



PHS HOMECOMING 2001



March, 2001

Be of good *cheer*, for Homecoming is cheerleaders and "live" mascots, since who be will honored this **July 13-14** at tribute to the many gals (plus there were many endless and thankless hours, both at the football field and the basketball although at Phillips that never seemed to leaders were EXACTLY THAT and mighty fine ones, too, who worked hard to keep school spirit high - a different breed from the typical dancers/acrobats of today, who still work hard, but whose primary role is to entertain and perform, usually in front of uninspired crowds. (Now, you moms and grandmas of cheerleaders today, please don't be offended, because we're *only generally speaking*).



near...at least this goes for all you former that was your job, and you all are the ones Homecoming 2001. It's time at last to pay a few guys, too, don't forget) who spent after school at practice, and on game days gym trying to get the fans "in" the game, be a big problem. At Phillips our cheerleaders were EXACTLY THAT and mighty fine ones, too, who worked hard to keep school spirit high - a different breed from the typical dancers/acrobats of today, who still work hard, but whose primary role is to entertain and perform, usually in front of uninspired crowds. (Now, you moms and grandmas of cheerleaders today, please don't be offended, because we're *only generally speaking*).

The Phillips Alumni Committee (PAC) is looking forward to hosting this year's PHS Homecoming (HC), and we want to encourage all other exes and friends to turn out, too, and show their support for them. On this occasion the shoe is on the other foot, and *you* are to be there to cheer them on. We will be recognizing some of these gals and guys at the program Saturday morning with special awards. Also, you former pep squaders, please help us out. We do not have any records kept regarding who the cheerleading sponsors were for any year...mostly teachers we presume. Tell us (for the years you "cheered") who was your sponsor (or coach). One other favor we ask of those of you, who haven't regressed as an adult to being shy (a *timid* cheerleader is an oxymoron), is to brush up on a few of your high school yells (although you probably can still do them in your sleep), just in case that we ask for any volunteers to lead us, the audience, once again in a couple of nostalgic cheers. Emphasis on the word "volunteers"...we're not going to pressure anybody that's unwilling.

Here's the schedule of events for **Friday, July 13th and Saturday, July 14th** to be held at Borger and Stinnett. Road signs to the West Texas High School cafeteria will be posted to help first-time attendees not familiar with Stinnett.

Fri 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm -- Golf Tournament at Phillips Country Club Golf Course at 1609 N. Sterling, NW Borger \$25 per person entry fee (includes light lunch)
Fri 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm -- Early Bird Mixer at Union Hall at 111 E Coolidge, Borger (refreshments). '51 Class Get-together
Sat 9:00 am - 10:30 am -- Registration and Visiting at West Texas High School Cafeteria
Sat 10:30 am - 12:00 pm -- Meeting and Program at West Texas High School Cafeteria
Sat 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm -- Barbeque Lunch catered by Sutphens at West Texas High School Cafeteria
Sat 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm -- Bus Tour of old Phillips Site and Visiting the old Phillips Schools for those who wish to (NO CARS!)
Sat 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm -- Browsing through Heritage Center (you gotta go see the new senior class rings exhibit!)
Sat 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm -- Borger Country Club (Tammy Hysmith tentatively scheduled to entertain, doing her "Patsy Cline")
Sat 8:30 pm - 12:00 am -- Dance at Borger Country Club - Open to all exes

Attention golfers! All interested Hawks, Hawkettes, Spouses/Dates/Family are invited to play at the Big Blackhawk Golf Scramble at Phillips Golf Course, tee-off time at **12:30 pm sharp**, Friday. The entry fee is still only \$25 per person, which includes green fee and golf cart. Several local sponsors will again donate money for prizes, which keeps the entry fee to a minimum. Please consider giving them your business while in Borger (see their names/addresses on next page). **Larry Joe Reed ('67)**, golf pro, will determine the foursomes according to handicap or average score. Last year we had a record turnout of 68 golfers, so let's top that this time around. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed golf form. By entering, you are eligible for a drawing for two free nights lodging at the Select Inn.

Several prizes will be awarded during the program on Saturday morning. There'll be souvenir ribbons for all, and special key rings for all ex-cheerleaders as a memento of this year's celebration. Also there will be a drawing to give away several door prizes. There will be prizes given for the best "game day" cheerleader/mascot stories. Be thinking about a humorous or embarrassing incident to relate that occurred while you were cheerleader, or a mascot. An autographed megaphone (by all cheerleaders) will be given to some ex-cheerleader. As always, there will be a drawing for a Blackhawk wool blanket that every dues-paying ex is eligible to win, whether present or not. And then finally there will be two \$300 cash drawings, one for the boys senior ring donors, and another for the girls senior ring donors.

Celebrating their 50th Reunion in conjunction with HC will be the Class of '51. Over the past decade this has been the big drawing card and integral part of HC. The *one reunion* that exes should try their darndest to attend is their 50th! Someone in the '51 Class will win a customized Blackhawk blanket (must be present to win!). Anyone from the other classes is invited to join them at the Union Hall for their Friday evening get-together. Other classes also having special reunions here during HC weekend are '61, '66, '71, and '76 (?).

The Heritage Center now has a new feature exhibit - a senior class ring display that currently houses 100 of the total 104 senior rings (both a boys and a girls ring from each of the 52 senior classes). We still need 3 boys rings ('36, '81, & '87 Classes) and only 1 girls ring ('83 Class) to complete the collection. Anyone wishing to donate his/her ring contact **Tommy Birch ('61)** at (806)274-2430 or via E-mail at phillipsblackhawks@juno.com. Any donor will be eligible to win \$300, have his/her name under the ring, and go down in history!!! **The dues are still \$7.00 (\$10.00 covers you and your spouse, if both are Phillips exes)**. The Friday noon Sutphen's catered lunch cost

you will pay at HC just prior to the meal, if you wish to partake. We sincerely hate to sound like a broken record, but again wish only to simply remind you that your dues are what keep your Alumni Association going and able to put on HC's, send out our letters, and maintain the Heritage Center....in short, to keep the Blackhawk spirit alive and well. Your annual dues also give you a chance to win a coveted Blackhawk wool blanket, and put you on the current year's mailout distribution list for the fall Alumni Newsletter which has been a big success. You do like feedback on HC, recent news on exes, obits, etc., don't you? Remember...no dues, no newsletter.

At HC you'll be able to buy (1) a **very nicesa** Phillips Blackhawk ballcap and (2) a PHS afghan from the few that are left over from the previous years' sales on a first-come-first-served basis (you pay for these at HC). At this time, we can't say how many ballcaps there will be made; so to ensure that you get one, come out to the Phillips Country Club Friday afternoon where the caps will be on sale-no orders!

If you want a list of your class addresses, please send \$1.50 with your request (see form:List:Addr) to the Alumni Assn. If you want address labels in addition, send \$6.00 for the two. A current list of all the deceased exes now runs \$2.00 (see form:List:Dec). Also you can order a list that contains all *available* E-mail addresses (we have over a 1000 now) for all classes for \$3.00 (see form:List:E-mail). Last, those wishing to contribute (see form:Other) an extra \$100, or over, will have their name etched on our special donor plaque in the Heritage Center. However, we don't want to discourage anyone from donating *any amount* less than \$100....it will be put to good use!

At the bottom is that perennial favorite and fun-packed form we want you to fill out (even if you do not plan to come this July or can't send any dues), detach, and mail back to us with the money for your dues and anything else mentioned above as available that you might want. Our address is: **Phillips Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1710, Borger TX 79008. We can't stress just how important it is that we hear back from each one of you** so that we know we have a current address and other information on you. Every year our mailing list dwindles, not only due to the 30 to 40 deaths each year, but also because of moves, divorces, remarriages, and mailing address changes for other reasons. Again, due to the recent new area code assignments, many of our present phone numbers are out-of-date. **Please, in particular, GIVE us your E-mail address (print clearly)** so that we can provide you more timely news updates during the year about Phillips related items, or deaths in your class. So please cooperate by completing the form and returning it **ASAP** to us. It only takes a couple of minutes to fill out. Throughout the years we have had many requests per class for address listings. This makes it so much easier for those organizing their class reunions when they have at the outset nearly complete and up-to-date addresses, or for those who simply want to get or stay "in touch" with their classmates. Dittos for the E-mail address directory. Any class address and E-mail listings won't be sent out until mid-May to ensure that you have the benefit of the latest address updates. Incidentally, our E-mail address is: **phillipsblackhawks@juno.com** if you have further questions about HC or have need of further correspondence. For you exes unaware, we do now have a fantastic web page called: www.phillipsblackhawks.com that was created and is maintained by Craig Hunter('68). Check it out and be sure to register there. Then be prepared to spend some quality fun time there enjoying all the posted information.

CAUTION!!! If your class is having a reunion in conjunction with the HC, please be sure to mail your reunion charges to your own class rep....not to us(PAC)....and vice versa. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to PAC the things that are *dues* (us).

Another thing...if you need motel accommodations for the HC weekend, we recommend the Villa Motel or Select Inn. Address and phone number appear on their business cards (next page). Also a brand new Best Western Motel in Borger just opened for business this month, located due north and adjacent to the Select Inn. Their address is 206 S. Cedar, and their toll-free number is (800)528-1234.

Just so you'll know in advance what's on tap for HC 2002...the year 2002 will mark the 50th anniversary of the existence of the PHS Alumni Association, since it was established in 1952...the year of the first PHS Homecoming! Therefore it is fitting that all exes be honored who have served at one time or another on the Phillips Alumni Committee(PAC), especially past presidents, and those who were chosen as HC kings or queens in years past. However, keep your main focus on this summer's HC at which we want to have a big turnout, especially all you guys, as this is a dream come true - to see and visit with all those cheerleaders! **SO LET'S SEE YOU THIS JULY!**

Your PAC members

Class: _____ Date: _____ INFORMATION FORM

Amount \$\$\$ Enclosed: Dues _____ + Lists:Addr. _____ Dec. _____ E-mail _____ + Golf Fee _____ + Other _____ = TOTAL \$\$\$ _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Spouse's First Name _____
Mailing Address _____ Phone No. _____ Spouse's Class (if PHS ex) _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Plan to attend July homecoming? NO ___ MAYBE ___ YES ___ If YES, how many of you? ___ Do you plan to eat with us at noon? _____

Name of someone who will always know your address _____ Relation to you _____
His/Her Mailing Addr. _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone No. _____

Do you plan to move within the next year? _____ Where (if known) _____ When _____

Do you intend to take the Saturday Phillips town site/schools bus tour? _____ How many of you? _____