

BLACKHAWK SPIRIT

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A New Look!

By now you may have noticed a slight change in format of this issue of *Blackhawk Spirit*. Your forbearance with the compacted, and rather difficult-to-read, past editions of this newsletter is appreciated. **Marjo Hettick van Patten** ('62) has come to our rescue and deserves a great big "thank you." She and her husband reside in Bellbrook, Ohio. Her email address is marjo@coax.net if you wish to express your appreciation and/or suggestions.

Comments about the content, or input suggestions for next year's Edition 10, should be directed to **Tommy Birch** ('61) at phillipsblackhawks@juno.com. If you have an anecdote about growing up in Phillips, or if you have news about yourself or any other alumni, please send it so we can share it in the next issue.

52nd Anniversary Homecoming

We had another great Homecoming with a full-capacity crowd! Those of you who couldn't make it really missed a great time. There were lots of faces we hadn't seen in a long time...some were back for the very first time since they were in high school. There was an unusually good representation of exes from the mid-to-latter 50's classes. This year's featured reunion bunch was the Class of '54 who had 27 members present! **Colleen Wilson** ('54) and **Carlene Crupper** ('54) did a fine job in arousing interest, organizing their class' 50th, and getting the members out. **Naomi Smith** ('54) was the winner of the special Blackhawk drawing, awarded to someone attending their 50-year reunion...and received the added bonus of having her picture in the newspaper. Winner of the Blackhawk blanket awarded to a dues-paying ex was **Charlsie Hunter** ('47) who unfortunately was not in attendance. The 12th annual "Hawk of the Year" award went to **John Sellers** ('51), who serves on the Homecoming Committee, is a former president of the Alumni Association, and was responsible for setting up and running the successful mixer get together at the Union Hall, with the help of his wife, Bonnie.

Carolyn Stevens ('36) was recognized as being the only ex present from the first senior Class of 1936. All the classes having special reunions ('54, '59, '64 and '84) were recognized. The '54 state championship football team which had a great percentage turnout for Homecoming was also recognized.

Mike Webb ('64) did a superb job of emceeing the program and announced his intentions of remaining the alumni president for the next two years. The welcome speech was given by the new Superintendent of PSCISD, Robert Schneider. The main speaker was Herb Swender, President of Frank Phillips College, he spoke about the newly formed Ray Robbins Scholarship Fund of which FPC is the trustee.

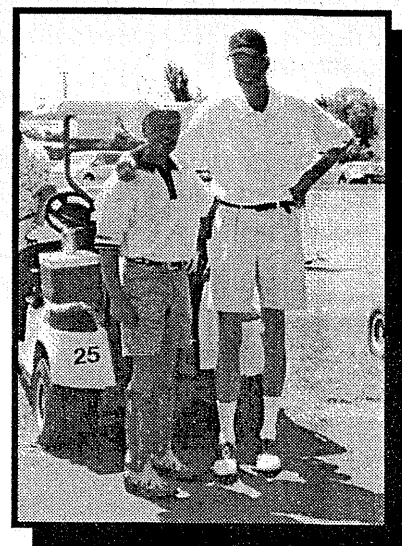
The special groups honored were the tennis and golf teams. **P.R. Hancock** ('47) was recognized as the sole member in attendance from PHS's first tennis team. **Ona Lee Hedrick** ('60) was recognized *in absentia* as having won the Ladies Class 3-A state singles tennis title. Ona Lee, still an active and avid tennis player in an Amarillo women's league, had knee surgery just three weeks prior to Homecoming.

2004 Golf Tournament Results

This year we got a reprieve from the weather... it only reached a high of 98 degrees. This didn't stop 94 golfers from teeing off at each other and again, a new record tournament low of 52 won the Golf Scramble, eclipsing last year's 53.

Members of the winning foursome were **Tommy Hale** ('51), **Richard Hale** ('58), **Margaret Pennington** ('65), and her husband John Trent, a Borger grad. Each player received a choice of golf merchandise. The tournament was not without incident. Prior to the start of the tournament, there was a story circulating around the clubhouse that a guy in Borger had reported to the police that his boots had been stolen. Oddly the very same player who was caught in the act of trying to get credit for one of the ladies' closest-to-the-hole awards was sporting cowboy boots matching the description of the boots reported stolen...bright red, yellow and blue. The boots are almost visible in this photograph. Billy, you're a good sport!

"The Long and the Short of It"
Mike Kimmins ('66) [right] and
Billy Baker ('56) size each other up.



Class Reunion Attendees

Class of '54 (50-Year Reunion)

Don Beene, Lonnie Jameson, Lonnie Snider, Charles Bennett, Shirley Jenkins, Larry Speegle, Jan Brook, Joel Kirkpatrick, Joy Taber, Robert Cook, Barbara McGuffey, Betty Tindall, Carlene Crupper, Gloria Musgrave, Joanne Updike, Gilbert Curren, Dorothy Page, Jim Wade, Bill Heckathorn, Sherry Reno, Carol Warner, Jimmy Heckathorn, Larry Rider, Colleen Wilson, Wendell Hughes, Naomi Smith, Evelyn Wilson.



"Looking Nifty at the Big Fifty!"

Class OF '59 (45-Year Reunion)

Robin Arthur, Linda Jackson, Marvin Morris, Nancy Bailey, Lanora Kelly, David Quisenberry, Bill Berry, David Kossey, Bill Shipley, Peaches Child, Fay Dean Krejci, Joe Bob Trumbly, Marvin Demings, Don Laughery, Carolyn Weese, Bill Hickox, Patty Malone, Ed Wheeler, Karen Hood

Class of '64 (40-Year Reunion)

Lynn Alexander, Larry Hunter, Jim Pumphrey, Deanna Birch, Doug Jackson, Jerry Smyrl, Lavone Brown, Jerry Jean Jones, Robert Sprowls, Charlotte Cromer, Phyllis Jones, Joyce Stone, Derryl DeShields, Mary Jo Krejci, Wayne Talbert, Philip Erdmann, Marynell Love, Bob Wakefield, Sharon Flynn, Don May, Mike Webb, Bill Hamil, Harvey Morris, Pat Young, Sharon Hudson

Class of '84 (20-Year Reunion)

Joe Estes, Karen Ford, James Hough, Charles Martin, Shane Orr, Tommy Paulson, Cindy Petitt, Kevin Shelton, Gary Snider, Glenn Wilkinson, Tracy Wilkinson, Angelia Williams, Danny Watson

1954 Football Team (50-Year Reunion)

Philip Adamie, Jake Webb, Ralph Smith, David Baker, Don Meek, Rueben Thompson, Arthur Bybee, Marvin Neeley, Richard Vaden, Ron Copas, Gene Packebush, Ben White, Bobby Freeman, Royce Phares, Forrest Wylie, Jimmy Gray, Derrell Sargent, Tony Landers, Burch Ingram, Don Smith, Dick Jackson (coach).

Heritage Center Upgrades

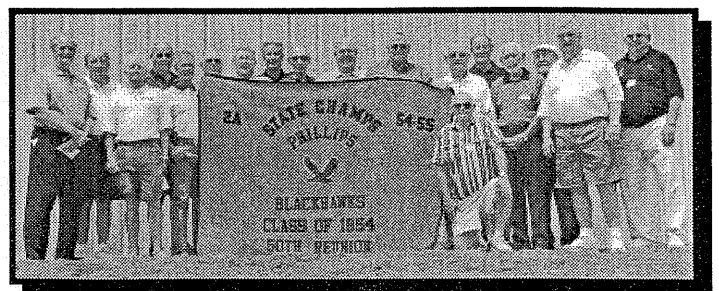
One of the two remaining senior rings that we didn't have, the 1983 girls' senior ring, was donated at Homecoming by **Laura Williams ('83)**. Thank you so much, Laura! This only leaves the 1936 boys' senior ring, rarer than a three-legged buffalo nickel and even harder to come up with, to complete the 104-ring set display at the Heritage Center.

The Heritage Center sustained minor ceiling tile damage and wall water stains when a 7-inch rain deluged Stinnett and caused flash flooding June 17. This time the senior class pictures along the outside wall escaped water damage, not the case some ten years ago when a heavy rain produced leaks that ruined the Class of '51 Senior Picture, which luckily we were able to replace. The water problem is greatly exacerbated by the entire building having a flat roof. Other parts of the building also sustained some water damage.

To distinguish those exes who have died, a small sticker in the shape of a cross, is placed in the upper left hand corner of a deceased person's picture. In the future, when browsing through the Heritage Center senior pictures, if you spot a little rigor mortis, green and gold cross on your picture, please do not panic. The chances are very good that you are still alive. Just collect your wits and then calmly peel off the cross. You should almost instantly start to feel a rush of rejuvenation. You may keep the little sticker cross as a souvenir of your visit, if you wish, and as a reassurance that your family still needs you around. Seriously, please keep in mind that this visual aid does not serve as a comprehensive record of the deceased since there may be other deceased classmates of yours who are not pictured.

A new donor plaque is on display listing the names of those individuals who have contributed \$100 or more to the **Ray Robbins Endowment Scholarship Fund**. Their names appear among those listed below. The plaque also contains the names of those donors who contributed prior to last year's Homecoming. The new plaque appears alongside the two Heritage Center Donor Plaques just inside the inside entrance doors.

"Chesty's Hefties" Avg Wt. in 1954 = 157 lbs.



Ray Robbins Endowment Scholarship Donors

(\$20 and over)

2004 Blackhawk Golf Scramble players: Doug Adkins, Beryl Carss, sister of Margaret Robbins, J. I. Kimmins, Margaret Robbins, widow of Ray Robbins, Sr., Joyce Allen ('56), Gary Anderson ('56), Clytee Armstrong ('43), Alan Burke ('74), Jannell Tucker Dean ('58), Jimmie Dean ('57), Dorene Drake ('57) in memory of her brother David Drake ('63), Bill Evans ('49), Juanita Fowler-Wilson ('52), Leon Glenn ('56), Tommy Hale ('51), Jo Carol Hickox ('61), Sam Holloman ('46), Mike Kimmins ('66), Shirley King ('66), Mary Kube ('65), Charlotte Litchford ('68), James Litchford ('42), Phillip Mahan ('63) and Mary Jo Krejci Mahan ('64) in memory of Mark Hatlet ('68), Harvey Morris ('64), Joe Newman ('49), Nancy Board Newman ('51), Lavona Paxton ('60), Vernell Platts ('61), Dale Platzer ('47), Class of 1960 in memory of Ann Powell ('60), Cloyce Purcell ('65), Teddy Randall ('44), Donald Rash ('54), Charles Robbins ('64) and Ray Robbins, Jr. ('62), sons of Ray Robbins, Sr.; Bob Roland ('60), Eugene Stephenson ('40), Doug Tomlinson ('65), Barbara Barbee Tomlinson ('67), Richard Vaden ('55), Steve Williams ('72), Carol Warner ('54), Randy Wright ('66)

Ray Robbins Endowment Scholarship Finances

Including last year's donations, we have received about \$16,500 in contributions, a majority of that amount from the Robbins Family. With the original \$10,000 donated by the treasury of the Phillips Alumni Association, the grand total in the scholarship fund is \$26,500. Great going, guys and gals, for contributing to this worthy cause!

Phillips Heritage Center Donors

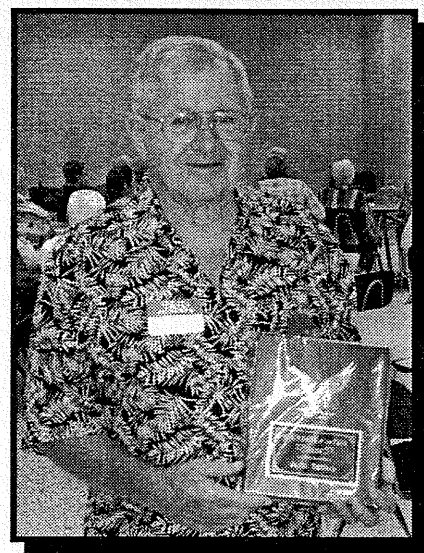
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Harold Hawthorne, J.I. Kimmins, Cheryl Adams ('63), Billy Baker ('56), Kerry Bowling ('62), Janet Cook Bowling ('65), Alan Burke ('74), Phyllis Corley ('58) in memory of Mark Hatley ('68), Bill Coss ('68), Morris Creel ('55), Jerry Fenley ('55), Myra Fisher ('56) in memory of Mark Hatley ('68), Ben Heckathorn ('50), Maben Hill ('42), Janice Jenne ('49), Robert Johnson ('54), Mike Kimmins ('66), Don Mitchell ('54), Marvin Morris ('59), Gloria Musgrave ('54), Phyllis Reno ('45), Ray Robbins ('62), Janan Stamps ('53), Joey Sutphen ('58), Johnny Ussery ('49), David Vines ('67), Roy Lee White ('60), Dana Wright ('68).

Other donations to the Heritage Center:

Tom Yost ('42) - Football program from 1941 season, and newspaper clipping of 1942 football team. Clifford Rhodes ('36) - Both his 1936 high school and 1931 grade school diplomas....mint condition. Jim Wade ('54) - Various band

jacket patches including All-State, Enid contest, etc. Jeanelle Tucker ('58) - Scrapbook containing pictures from her grade school years. Jake Webb ('56) - Football scrapbooks from the years 1953-1956 assembled by his mother, Verna Webb. Audie Hatton ('79) - Old newspaper clippings and Blackhawk head scarves from his grandfather Sam Jackson's era. Pictures of the 1937 football and 1938 track teams. Betty Blackman ('56) - 1953 Commencement program, 1955 PHS coach appreciation banquet programs. Lois Winegar ('55) - Newspaper picture of Miss McGee presenting certificates to her and Morris Creel. Robert Johnson ('54) - Lee Johnson's obituary, 1952-1953 PHS Handbook, 1952 building dedication program for the "new" high school. Harold Hawthorne - Miscellaneous programs, photos and newspaper articles. Jo Ann Hubbard ('48) - Phillips Lions Club cap, writing pen with 1967 football schedule, her mother Evelyn Hubbard's personalized Blackhawk blanket and jacket, "Four Bops" photos.



*Hawk of the Year:
John Sellers '51*

A Note About Frank Phillips Scholarships

Our Ray Robbins Scholarship is an endowment scholarship, which means the assets (minimum of \$20,000) are invested, and the interest generated goes to pay two \$500 scholarships to graduates of West Texas High School to FPC, based on financial need. Donations to this scholarship are to be sent directly to the PHS Alumni Association.

A second type of scholarship is the private scholarship. The Evelyn G. Hubbard Memorial Scholarship is such a private scholarship established by Donna Haddock Forbes ('55). This means that it is supported by donations (no minimum). The award is a \$300 one-year award to a student majoring in music (choral, voice or piano). Mrs. Hubbard taught choral music at PHS for 20 years.

Frank Phillips Scholarships (continued)

A great way to perpetuate a private scholarship is to contribute, in lieu of flowers or in addition to flowers, a memorial for a loved one, friend or relative. Just mail your check directly to Frank Phillips College, PO Box 5118, Borger TX 79008. In addition to designating the Evelyn Hubbard Scholarship, be sure to supply the following pertinent information:

1. In memory of or in recognition of _____ occasion (anniversary, birthday, etc.)
2. The address where FPC can send the thank you
3. Your name and address

Deceased Exes in 2003-2004

Keith Alexander ('36-?), Inita Beaver ('36-Alzheimers), Edna Mae Lloyd ('37-?), Katherine Redus ('37-cancer), Liniel Mayes ('38-heart attack), Dorothy Fuhs ('41-?), Sara Utsinger ('41-cancer), Edith Wright ('41-?), Mary Robertson ('42-heart failure), Alan Hill ('43-Parkinson's disease), Glenn Marken ('44-cancer), Roy Jack Holmes ('46-cancer), Lon Blackmon ('47-cancer), Eddie Turner ('48-?), Mary Jo Poulain ('49-heart disease), Linda Fly ('50-pneumonia), Jeanane Chilton ('52-heart attack), Wayne Bostik ('53-died suddenly), Joyce Boyles ('53-liver disease), Joyce Burke ('54-congestive heart failure), Glenn Porter ('54-diabetes/stroke), Sam Hodges ('55-heart attack), Doyal Stegall ('58-?), Ann Powell ('60-rare lung disease), Carl Weese ('60-lupus/pneumonia), Wayne Garlington ('61-emphysema), Phillip Marquis ('61-heart disease), Earl Smith ('61-liver cancer), Larry Franklin ('62-?), Jerry Sailors ('62-lymphoma), Robert Burks ('63-cancer), Phillip Stone ('63-intestinal cancer), Barbara Bashaw ('67-cancer), Mark Hatley ('68-heart attack)

News of Ex-Teachers

Mary Franklin, former English and German teacher at PHS from 1956 - 1962, passed away in May, 2003. After her teaching career at Phillips, Mary spent her next 25 years or so living in Germany and teaching English. Since her return to the States, she had been living in retirement in Woodland Park, Colorado. She made it back to Phillips only once - in 1986 for the 50-Year Reunion of the high school.

Celestine Wheeler Rives, age 79, died on May 24, 2004 in Borger after a brief bout with pancreatic and liver cancer. She taught the first grade at Phillips from 1946-1949. Shortly before her death, she received letters from two of her former first grade students, **John Paul Reese** ('58) and **Bryan Hampton** ('60), who, upon learning of her condition, expressed their deepest sympathies to her and appreciation for being a good teacher, one they never forgot. These letters, which were later read at her funeral service, really picked up her spirits and meant a lot to her. She was a member of Faith Covenant Church in Borger, the Paragon Club, the Panhandle Ladies Golf Association,

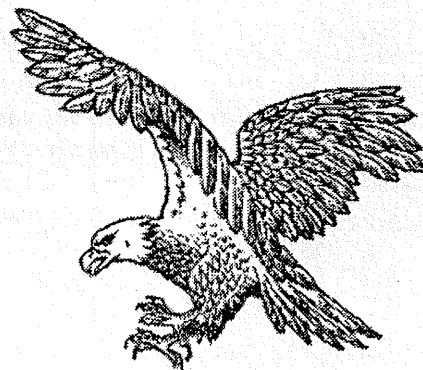
Panhandle Engineers Wives Club and the Borger Duplicate Bridge Club. Last year she achieved the goal of Life Master in bridge. Clothes, shoes, travel and bridge were her passions.

Robert Fielding, band director at PHS from 1939-1941 passed away in November, 2002. His home was in Plano, Texas.

News of Former Phillips Residents

On September 11, 2003, **Buster Caviness**, a long time supporter of the Phillips school system, died in his sleep in Amarillo at age 81. Buster proudly became a "Blackhawk" as a result of the affiliation of his wife, **Lavon Ostrom Caviness** ('40), and their two daughters, **Karia Caviness** ('65) and **Daria Caviness** ('69). Buster and his family moved to Phillips in 1950 where he was co-owner of C-O (Caviness & Ostrom) Sales, a hardware store located next to the old theater. He later became President of First Savings and Loan in Borger and made loans to many Phillips residents. Buster and Lavon loved entertaining friends, and their home quickly became a favorite gathering place for ex-Phillips residents and returning Blackhawks. Buster's days in Phillips were among the happiest of his life. The family wishes to thank their wonderful friends for all their kind expressions of sympathy.

The experience of retiring was so enjoyable, **Roy Young** thought he would do it twice! Borger resident and former business manager at PHS from 1983-1987, Roy Young retired from the Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips School District in 1994. Then went back to work as an educational counselor in Fritch and later was a business consultant at Highland Park in Amarillo. He decided to "hang 'em up" again this year. He has worked in education as a teacher, coach, athletic director and business manager for 45 years in Clarendon, Channing, Miami, Phillips, Fritch and Amarillo. Roy played for Wayland Baptist University from 1953-1956, and still holds the single-game scoring record there with 50 points. He scored a total of 1507 points over his 4-year college career. Roy's son, **Rex Young** ('85), was a basketball standout for Phillips High from 1983-1985.



Did You Hear That....?

There's a certain lady ex who's fast becoming known as the "Iron Lady". **Louise Glidewell Gunter** ('40) had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip just three weeks prior to Homecoming. This happened at a local restaurant while she was going to get a napkin. Louise, our alumni secretary/treasurer and a charter member who has served on the Phillips Alumni Association Committee in various capacities since its inception in 1953, has never missed the annual Homecoming. After her accident, the rest of the committee members speculated on whether this might be the first Homecoming she would miss. (Mr. Kimmins, incidentally, is the only other person to have attended every Homecoming.) But at the Friday evening mixer of Homecoming, a familiar face and warm smile, mixed with a look of determination, graced the room as she entered the Union Hall in a wheel chair. We were so glad we didn't have to find out what a Homecoming was like without Louise. We did discover how much work she does to get ready for Homecoming; it took five people to take over her workload! About a month after Homecoming, Louise's husband, J.C. Gunter, died as a result of a fall, ironically at another eating establishment in Borger. Louise and J.C. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. This year has been a very eventful and difficult one, indeed, for Louise.

Eddie Spearman Sweeten ('54) and her husband, who live in Hemet, California, are traveling with the RV Care-A-Vanners club which does work for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that helps build homes for low-income people.

Jim Morgan ('64) says he wishes he could have made his 40-Year Reunion held here in conjunction with HC, but was unable to do so due to one minor difficulty...he was in Bagdad. He is project director in charge of the Kellogg Brown & Root (Halliburton) team to restore the Iraqi oil industry. He has teams in Northern, Central and Southern Iraq working oil and gas equipment. In fact, his office is right next door to one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces. He has three kids...two engineers and one in school in the medical field. He makes his home now in Kuwait with his second wife; his first wife of 30 years died of cancer 5 years ago.

P.R. Hancock ('47), a member of Phillips High's first tennis team, remembers just how crazy the weather can be in the Panhandle in the spring. On the day of their first district competition in White Deer, they had to warm up first on the Phillips courts where the wind was gusting up to 50 mph. A half hour later when they arrived in White Deer, 25 miles away, to begin district play, much to their surprise there wasn't even a breeze...it was completely calm! They couldn't imagine why many of their shots were going long that day. The all-boys team consisted of **Bob McGuigan** ('47), **Leonard Sweeney** ('47), and **Billy Witt** ('47), and was coached by **Roy Ferguson**.

Richard Kelley ('58) reports unexpectedly seeing one of his old classmates on TV. "I got a huge shock and surprise last night when I watched an hour show on the Food Channel, "BBQ Challenge in Las Vegas." During the hour telecast **Joey Sutphen** ('58) was shown making comments about his

barbecue preparation for the competition. Joey, whose team is called "Texas Thunder", placed 4th in the BBQ division. Joey received his award from **Robin Leach** who was the master of ceremonies."

Leaving On a Jet Plane. After all these years, you just got to trust your old football buddies, like you had to when you were playing with them back then on the team. Several of the team members, who live here locally, had serious doubts about **Richard Vaden's** ('55) claim that he was flying his personal Leer jet to Borger to attend the reunion from California, bringing **Forrest Wylie** ('56) with him (both live in California). But what was thought to be a joke, turned out to be a reality, as Richard and Forrest arrived at the Borger Airport as advertised. They made the 2-1/2 hour flight at a cruising speed of 550 mph in a 11 passenger Leer jet equipped with a full crew. The doubting Thomases, with mouths agape, were allowed to tour the inside of the craft, and touch everything, that is, except the stewardess.

A Quest For "The Holy Grail" During the past few years several of the members of the 1954 state championship football team have been trying to locate the old 8-mm game films of their 15-0 season and to convert them to VHS cassettes. They have located about half of their regular season games. The most recent films they located, and also the most improbable, are the game films of the quarterfinal playoff game that was played against Colorado City, and the state final game that was played against Killeen. **Ben White** ('55), halfback on the team, gets the kudos for contacting a former member of the Colorado City team who just happened to have the game films of their quarterfinal game against Phillips, played at Jones Stadium in Lubbock. The man said that he didn't know why he had kept it around all these years...he certainly didn't relish watching it. The acquisition of the Phillips-Killeen state championship game film, played in Wichita Falls on Christmas Day in 1954, came through **Don "Bones" Edwards** ('48). He has friends, who are ex-administrators at KHS, instrumental in locating and getting that game film for the '54 football team. Through a series of fortuitous coincidences, the film was in the possession of the family of a man, now deceased, who coached the Killeen football team that year and has had the Killeen football stadium named after him. The ex-coach's son found the game films in the attic of his mother's house and remembers the game well, which he saw as a 6th grader.

Former Dumas Demon Won Over to Blackhawk Camp!

Yep, you read it right...miracles never cease! The source for this unusual testimony comes from an email that **Richard Kelly** ('58) recently received from a former Dumas Demon football player, who played against the Blackhawks in the late 50's, in response to something that Richard had posted on the Phillips Blackhawks web site: Richard, I just finished reading your story "The Dumas Demons Get Lucky" on the Phillips web site, and you are very correct in your statement. About two years later (after graduating from high school), I was traveling, and

Won Over...continued

someone asked me where I lived. I proudly answered Dumas, Texas and their response was "Oh, you were the ones that tied Phillips." (Dumas and Phillips played to a 20-20 tie in 1958, the first time ever that Dumas had not lost to Phillips). Now let me tell you about another time that a Dumas Demon got lucky. On March 31, 1961, I married Kay Ladyman ('59), and on March 31, 2004, we will have been married 43 years. I consider myself to be the luckiest man in the world. We now reside in San Antonio, Texas. My hate for Phillips turned into love. Joe Whittington, Dumas Demon Class of 1959.

The Amazing 34-Game Winning Streak!

The following is from a recent *Borger News Herald* special edition commemorating Borger's 78th birthday. It pointed out that during 1976, former editor Thorn Kuhl wrote a guest article for the paper in which he described some of his recollections. Kuhl remembered back in 1942-1943 when he was a sports writer covering the Phillips Blackhawks football team coached by the legendary **Chesty Walker**, then coaching his fourth season at PHS. The team was the talk of the entire West Texas sports world because they had an unbelievable 34-game winning streak going, the longest in Texas in any classification. The victory streak dated back to November, 1939, and the Hawks had won two regional championships in the 1940 and 1941 football seasons. In those years the offense operated from a double wing-back formation. One of the reasons for the team's success was that they were well-balanced with the talent being fairly well distributed. Some of the star players in the 1942 season were **Cozell Foster**, who later became a Blackhawk head coach in the 1970's, **Mack "Cotton" Davis**, **Clarence Hall** and **Bobby Williams**, who later became an assistant line coach for Chesty in the 1950's.

The Hawks went through their third consecutive undefeated regular season and entered the playoffs. Phillips won the right to challenge Hereford for bi-district and to advance to regional. The game was played in Phillips, and by the end of the game the score was tied, 0-0. During those years a tie could be broken by the number of first downs, and if that didn't decide a winner, then the number of penetrations inside the opponent's 20-yard line was used as the tie-breaker. Both Phillips and Hereford had the same number of first downs at 12 each. The officials then looked at the number of penetrations and discovered that Hereford had 3 to Phillips' 2.

The following is an excerpt from the 1942 newspaper article. "Gone is the hope of a third regional title; gone is the bi-district title....and gone is the 34-game winning streak as the Phillips team bowed to the Hereford Whitefaces 3-2 on penetrations after a 0-0 tie game." He went on to say that there was a lot of sorrow and many tears in the Phillips community that night, but that the 34-game winning streak would be long-remembered. (Editor's note: As only a fetus in my mother's

womb at the time, my recall of the game is a little vague, but I can testify that I had heard about the famous 34-game winning streak growing up in Phillips in the 50's.)

Long Live the Queen!

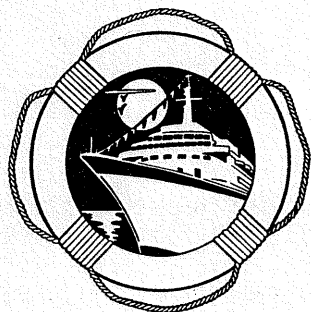
A little known fact about the 1954 football team surfaced just prior to Homecoming. After 50 years of silence, we think it's time that the wraps come off. Chesty Walker did not permit the boys on the team to elect the football queen until the season was over, so the disclosure of her award was too late for publication in the '55 senior annual. Let it finally be known that the members of the '54 state championship team elected...tada!...**Sue Adams Avery** ('55) as the football queen for that season. Identifying the elected queen has not been without mild controversy, as there was more than one claimant to the title and 50 years can blur memories. Luckily, **Don Meek** ('55) had his old high school scrapbook. The matter was resolved with the newspaper article covering the late spring athletic banquet. The article listed the names of all the awards in each sport. So, Sue, a very belated and undisputed congratulations to you! We beg your indulgence for letting us have a little fun with this. Sue was more recently honored by the football team members in attendance at the home of **Art Bybee** ('55) who had a reunion get-together on Friday evening. Sue endured a coronation ceremony, was pinned with a mum, and donned a cape while being seated on a make-shift throne as the ex-players paid 'homage' to their football queen. Who said that after the first couple of times reunions weren't that much fun?



*BlackHawk Football Queen
Sue Adam Avery '55
and Don Smith '55*

Ahoy, Mates! ...Let's Go Cruising!

All exes are invited to come join the Classes of '55 and '56 on a cruise to the Western Carribean for a great 5 days of vacation filled with new adventures, old friends, and great cuisine! The cruise leaves Galveston on Monday, April 18, 2005 and returns on Saturday, April 23. The offer is on a space available basis (90 cabins have been reserved for Phillips exes), so don't delay in making your reservation.



There'll be:

- (1) Lots of time to reminisce with old friends.
- (2) Private cocktail parties and entertainment.
- (3) Scheduled all-day stops to visit Cozumel and Playa Del Carmen.
- (4) Optional separate tours to Mayan ruins, beaches, shopping opportunities, etc.
- (5) Great food, swimming, dancing and games of choice.
- (6) One-time unpack/pack - no dragging luggage around.

The Ecstasy, a Carnival cruise ship, accommodates a little over 2,000 people. Total cost of cruise (covers room, all meals, entertainment and activities - \$50 for gratuities not included) varies from \$483 to \$563, depending on cabin grade choice and level. The price per person, which is very reasonable, but which will go up after November, 1, is based on cabin double occupancy. Parking and shuttle service is available upon your arrival in Galveston.

As of September 1, 80 people (includes spouses) have signed up for the cruise, ranging from the Class of '52 to the Class of '64. If you'd like to see a list of these exes to help make up your mind or would like a brochure, please contact any of the following people:

Morris Creel ('55)

mcreelsct@cox-internet.com or (512) 931-1467

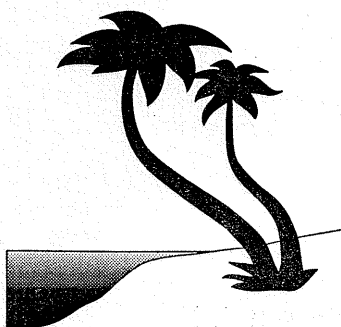
Gary Anderson ('56)

garya@easy.net or
(303) 875-8133

Nancy McKee Wade ('55)

nancywade2004@yahoo.com
or (936) 321-5018

Bon voyage, and don't forget your birth certificate (or passport), sunscreen and shark repellent!



BLACKHAWK TRIVIA

Last Year's Winner: None - not one person even ventured a guess. The trivia question had something to do with the starting letter of the last names of valedictorians/salutatorians...anyhow the answer was the letter "O". You may dig out last year's newsletter for further clarification.

This Year's Question: Which father-daughter combination claims having been both the first and last Phillips High School athletes to have won all-state honors in each one's respective sport?

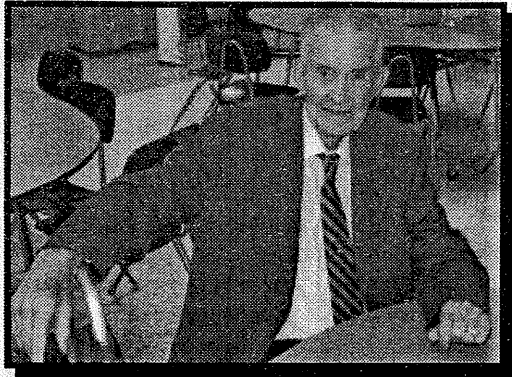
The first three people, **AFTER 8:00 a.m., September 20, 2004**, to contact us and give the correct answer (both persons' names) via email or by phoning **Tommy Birch ('61)** at (806) 274-2430 will win a black Blackhawk ballcap or knit shirt.

BLACKHAWK ITEMS FOR SALE

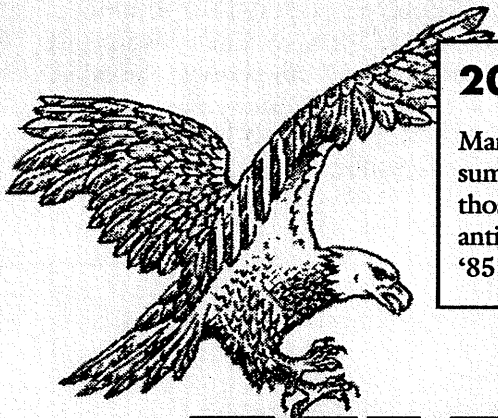
2002 PHS Directory: As you requested we have had several new copies made of the 50th Anniversary 2002 Directory (only the Deceased Exes Section of the directory has been updated), and currently have about 15 of them still available. To buy one, please send \$20 (check made out to Phillips Alumni Assn.) to PO Box 1710, Borger TX 79008. One will be mailed to you when we receive your order and money. This is on a "first-come-first-served" basis, so don't delay if you want one.

The Alumni Association also has an ample supply of **Blackhawk knit golf shirts** (black) for \$25 each, in both men's and women's sizes. Also there are **golf towels** which sell for \$6 each, and **Blackhawk baseball caps** (black) at \$12 each. Please send an extra \$2 if you need the item(s) mailed to you.

Mr. Kimmins has never missed a Homecoming and he invites you not to miss the next one!



Class of '56 Reunion Group joins the fun.



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2005 Homecoming is July 8-10

Mark your 2005 calendar now for July 8-10 for our HC next summer. We will recognize and honor our war veterans and those who have ever served in any branch of the military. We anticipate that the classes of '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, and '85 will have special reunions for that weekend.

Blackhawk Homecoming 2006

In July 2006 we will be honoring all the exes who are (or were) married to other Phillips exes. This, of course, includes widows and widowers; those now divorced will be encouraged to take advantage of this occasion to celebrate for whatever reason.

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