



Left to right: Kim Arrington ('77) and Tammy Arrington ('76), standing behind the Phillips Blackhawks metal shield that was raffled off.

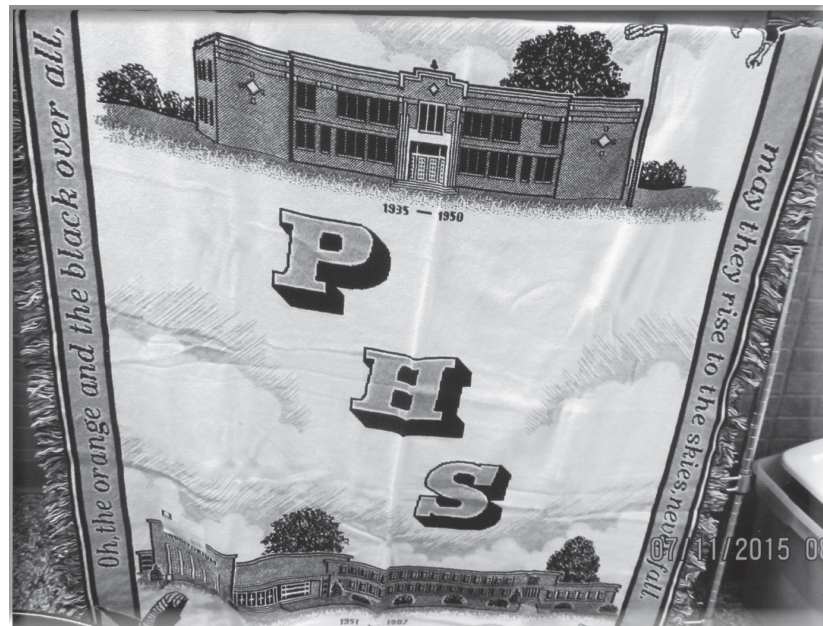
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Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2015 calendar the dates **July 15-16** (third weekend of July this next time around - the second weekend falls too close to July 4) for our HC next summer at which our rallying theme will be "Once a Blackhawk, always a Blackhawk". We will also be celebrating PHS's 80th anniversary. We encourage you to wear something orange and black to next year's Homecoming, be it Blackhawk paraphanelia you've purchased from the Association in the past or store-bought attire. You can sport a classic look (see **Don Andress'** picture with the snappy looking orange-and-black, checkered hat), or you can be a free spirit (see **Joey Sutphen's** picture with the spiked hair). It is hoped and anticipated that the Classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, and '86 will be planning special reunions for that weekend, with the Class of 1966 (the "66'ers") the featured 50-year reunion class. It is unconfirmed at this point as to who or who all in that class will be heading up that effort, but possibly **Candy Irwin ('66)**, **Shirley King ('66)**, and **Mike Kimmins ('66)** are names that seem to surface. Candy is the gal pictured receiving the 50-year reunion clock. God willing, hope to see all of you again next summer!

PAC (Phillips Alumni Committee)



Phillips afghan that was raffled off.

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September 2015

63rd Homecoming Anniversary

This year marks the 63rd anniversary of Phillips High School Homecomings which were inaugurated in October, 1952. To commemorate Homecoming 2015, all exes were urged to wear orange and black to help display that Blackhawk spirit of pride and tradition. Two former basketball coaches, **Bob Moore and Bill Clemmons**, and the 1965 boys and the 1975 girls basketball state teams were honored as dedication plaques were presented to the daughters of the two deceased coaches, namely **Tracy Moore ('75) and Mary Ann Clemmons ('75)**. Also another special plaque commemorating the late **Larry Lewis ('65)**, a standout on the 1965 team, was presented to his widow Gail Lewis.

In order to conserve space for a larger than usual number of pictures taken at Homecoming (HC), the speakers, special attendees, awardees, and prize winners at the Saturday morning program will be simply listed: Who are we to buck the old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words"? (Notice that almost all of the award, raffle, and prize winners uncannily were dominated by the 1965 Class, the honor class who was celebrating its 50-year reunion.)

Keynote Speaker - **Tom Covington ('55)**; Other Speakers - **Carl Reed ('65)**, **Tracy Moore ('75)**, **Mary Ann Clemmons ('75)**; Oldest Ex Attendee - **Caroline Stevens ('36)**; First-Time Attendees - **Mary Morton ('65)**, **Tracy Moore ('75)**, **Brenda Baggs ('75)**, **Troy Scroggins ('83)**; \$100 cash - **Tammy Barrow ('65)**; \$75 - **Mary Kube ('65)**; \$50 - **Billy Crockett ('63)**; Phillips Blackhawks Shield - **Joan Chandler ('65)**; Blackhawk Blanket - **Judith Wendel ('65)**; 50-Year Class Reunion Blanket - **David Moore ('65)**; Phillips Afghan Throw - **Robert Jones ('65)**; and Blackhawk-of-the-Year Award - **Rinky Chivers ('56)**.

Next year's officers for the Alumni Assn. Committee were presented at the meeting and are listed as follows: **Aaronda White Gerow ('73)** - president, **Tommy Birch ('61)** vice-president, and **Tammy Arrington Dowell ('76)** - treasurer and Heritage Center Hostess. At next month's meeting (our first meeting since HC), **Brenda Baggs ('75)** will be voted on to be Secretary and **Mona Hendrickson ('75)** as Publicity Chairperson.

A new method of commemorating deceased exes (whom we've learned of over the past year) was introduced at this year's program. We conducted a solemn ceremony where a representative ex came forward from each class and pinned a flower onto a memorial wreath as the names of those deceased members of his/her class were read aloud. It was a poignant and meaningful experience for all, and it will be observed at future homecomings.

Lots went on July 10-11 weekend outside the planned HC activities - the Class of 1965 had a super-successful 50-year reunion with a great turnout of 41 exes alone. They convened and had their function at the Hampton Inn. The Class of 1970 had a program/dance at the Borger Country Club while the Class of 1975 did the same at the Elks Club. The Class of 1955 met at the Plaza for a Saturday evening meal, and the Class of 1960 met for a dinner both Friday and Saturday evenings in Amarillo at Mexican and Italian restaurants. There was also some after-hours jammin' on Saturday evening that went on at the Borger Ambassador Inn at which **H.F. Ritchie ('57)** played and sang.



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2015 Endowment Scholarship & Heritage Center Donors (\$50 and Over)

Garry Hunter ('68) in memory of Gary Adkins	Milt ('58) & Toni Hoff ('58), Tammy ('78) & Allen Snider ('80) in memory of Larry Lewis	
Bob Roland ('60)	Janet Milam ('60)	Delton Waits ('62)
Joe & Karla Hayes ('65)	Joel Kirkpatrick ('54)	D.L. ('59) & Virginia Malicoat ('63)
Ralph Smith ('57)	Janice Jenne Hill ('49)	Joyce Sweeney Nash ('56)
Roy White ('60)	Ira Johnson ('65)	Peaches Hood ('65)
Norris Brown ('66)	Clint Hall ('43)	Lona Shields Howard ('56)
Lavona Paxton Kuhn ('60)	Mary Anne Ewing Seale ('60)	Leon Glenn ('56)
Milton & Toni Hoff ('58)	Ray Robbins ('62)	Kim Trumbly Swink ('82)
Nancy Board Newman ('51)	Gilbert & Sue Curren ('54/'58)	Doug & Barbara Tomlinson ('65/'67)
Carl Toland ('60)	Mary Campbell Poling ('56)	Jackie Gray ('62)
Wanda Fouty Weaver ('43)	Ronnie Wood ('69)	Teddy Buckland ('71)
Dick Robie ('70)	Craig Hunter ('68)	Gary Anderson ('56)
Sam Holloman ('46)	Fay Deen Krejci Doyen ('59)	Kristi Brown Underhill ('72)
Steve Williams ('72)	Janice Kae Dixon Wise ('58)	Dana Wright Rushing ('68)
Frank Strech ('48)	Mary Anne Svetlik ('62)	Joan Chandler Peiffer ('65)
Rick Kimmins ('65)	Fred & Judith Banas ('65)	Jimmie & Jeanelle Dean ('57/'58)
Mike Caddell ('60)	Linda Jones Alwine ('65)	Mary Kube Messenger ('65)
Vernon & Hope Taliaferro ('44/'45)		Charlotte O'Neill Needham ('60)
David Watkins ('78)	Loretta Tomlin Surrect ('61)	Cheryl Adams Orman ('63)
Anita Sparks Bednar ('57)	Phil & Mary Joe Mahan ('63/'64)	Penny Walker Koch ('54)
Bill & Sharlene Gaither ('52/'53)	Harvey Hilbert ('62)	Deanna Hatley Hargis ('56)
Judge Perry ('56)	Martha Kirkpatrick Smith ('62)	Marjo Hettick van Patten ('62)
Sandra Roscoe Stiles ('62)	Glenn Hopkins ('65)	Phillip Sweeney ('45)
Art Bybee ('55)	J.B. Millsap ('48)	Sara McCall McDaniel ('66)
Billy & Avondle Crockett ('63/'64)		John Cook ('58)
Don Reed ('49)	Bobby Freeman ('55)	Teresa Justice McCollum ('76)
Sally Caufield Provenzano ('66)	Elbert & Earlee Daniel ('49/'52)	Melinda Kuhrt Lynch ('71)
Jeanne Brakebill Begley ('40)	Phillips Golf Tourney Players	Mike Kimmins ('66)
Stancy Akers Simpson ('73)		



Traditional ceremonial passing of the 50-year reunion clock from Fred Banas ('65) to Candy Irwin ('66).



Karen Hood ('59) pinning a flower onto the deceased memorial wreath in remembrance of those of her class who have passed away during the previous year.

Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2015

Lynn Ford Family
Janice Benefield ('58)

Larry Rider ('54)

Floyd Jarnigan Family
Lezley Huffine Family

Mike & Sherry Lane Zink ('69)
Tommy Birch ('61)
Ramond Guest ('71)
Marvin Demings ('59)

Jackie Lawson ('70)
Robin Adkins ('75)

Martha Kirkpatrick ('62)
Mary Cole Forbes ('70)
Kevin McClellan ('69)

(Unknown)
(Unknown)
1965 Class

1975 Class

Shirley King ('66)

- Lynn Ford ('60)'s four high school annuals (1957-1960)
- 1952 Phillips vs Wellington football program, "Father and Son" banquet cub scout program from 1945, three football tapes
- Solid-wood Blackhawk for Heritage Center and 13 other similar hawks that were for sale at Homecoming
- Floyd Jarnigan's ('42) 1941 and 1942 high school annuals
- Lezley Huffine's ('76) four high school annuals (1973-1976), small senior class group picture, high school diploma, basketball pictures and plaques, 1975 season football program, senior commencement invitation cards, grade school annual report cards, high school play program
- A circular metal orange/black/white Phillips Blackhawk shield
- 1961 Borger/Phillips city directory
- Large black Blackhawk athletic traveling bag (#23)
- 1939 high school diploma of Pauline Brown, various late 1930s snapshots
- 1948 high school diploma and tassel of Paul Demings, 1944 band picture, 1961 senior ring of Tommy Demings, 1961 graduation announcement booklet, Tommy Deming's 8th grade football picture
- White basketball jersey with orange/black trim, orange pep rally jersey
- Orange basketball jersey, white football jersey, black coaches "Hawks" pullover, two coaches shirts, and small black athletic travel bag. Two Phillips Men's Lions Club president name plaques.
- Orange and black 14" X 14" metal Phillips 66 shield
- Her mother Maurine Forbus' set of senior annuals
- Group pictures of 1948 season football and 1949 basketball teams, a 1947 football game reel film, football programs from 1947 and 1965 seasons
- Large black equipment duffel bag - Phillips Blackhawks #8
- Out-of-town Gruver vs Phillips football program from 1973 season
- Dedication plaques in honor of Bob Moore and 1965 boys basketball team
- Dedication plaque in honor of Larry Lewis
- Dedication plaque in honor of Bill Clemmons and 1975 girls basketball team
- 1966 senior class graduation exercises invitation mailed to her sister in an envelope with a 4-cent stamp



Several members of the honor 1965 Class: Left to right: Fred Banas, Joe Gillum, Howard Smith, Tammy Barrow, and Richard Pirtle.

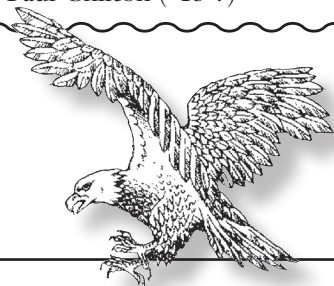


Sporting spiffy hats are, from left to right, Dick Cook ('60) and Don Andress ('60).

Deceased Exes Over Past Year

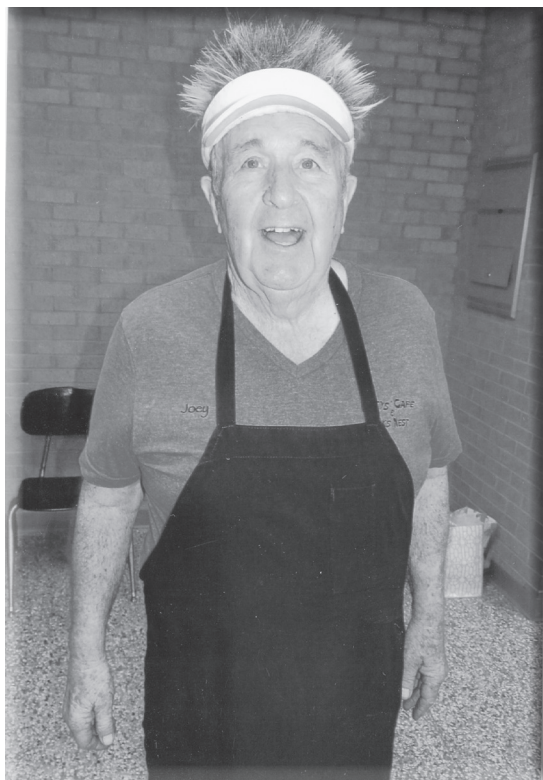
Jeannette Armstrong ('50-?)	Bette Ayling ('56-cancer/liver disease)	Jerry Jean Jones ('64-?)
Jim Haren ('54-Alzheimers/cancer)	Dolly Broyles ('51-heart/kidney failure)	Leon Smith ('55-?)
John Ed Orr ('77-heart attack)	Hank McWilliams ('76-cancer)	Frank Williams ('46-?)
Stephanie Newman ('81-diabetes)	Lily Lunday ('55-lung cancer)	Mike Johnson ('61-pancreatic cancer)
Lezley Huffine ('76-?)	Carolyn Cash ('49-lung cancer)	Rose Marie Beals ('49-cancer)
Joe Bob Trumbly ('59-cancer)	Ben Earnest ('46-?)	Penny Sable ('45-?)
Larry Lewis ('65-burst aorta)	Imogene Davis ('59-Alzheimers)	Peggy Yelton ('69-cancer)
Kenneth Scroggins ('61-diabetes)	Carla Bible ('80-house fire)	Margaret Ellis ('42-respiratory disease)
Abe Ellis ('41-?)	Doris Lathrop ('38-?)	Neal Buenz ('37-?)
Ernest Strom ('37-?)	Margaret Strom ('38-?)	Rex Rawlings ('38-?)
R.T. Winans ('39-?)	Jean Williamson ('53-?)	Gelene Pennington ('41-?)
Judy Wilson ('80-?)	Dennis Vines ('66-?)	Shirley Rice ('42-?)
Hollis Altendorf ('42-?)	Laverne Hall ('47-?)	Annetta Inman ('51-kidney failure)
Drew Alexander ('60-infection)	Kenneth Reed ('45-?)	Dwayne Gray ('60-?)
Patti Moulton ('75-?)	Frances Musgrove ('43-?)	Corabelle Wilson ('44-?)
Betty Joan Remple ('44-?)	Bobbie Sloan ('43-?)	Belva Hope ('43-?)
Deanne Thompson ('45-?)	Jack Garrard ('48-?)	Leonard Sweeney ('47-Alzheimers)
Jerrie Ann Hilton ('62-?)	Sonja Nicolas ('58-heart problems)	Gene Conklin ('55-stroke)
Anna Fike ('53-?)	Bob Malone ('62-heart attack/leukemia)	James Morgan ('55-Parkinsons)
Sheila Cheatwood ('78-suicide)	Alvin Henderson ('43-?)	Colleen Lancy ('50-?)
Johnny Graves ('66-heart attack)	Paul Chilton ('45-?)	Charles Smith ('59-?)

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BLACKHAWK SPIRIT STILL LIVES

Joey Sutphen ('58), spiked wig and all, posing while serving Homecoming BBQ meal.



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Class of '70 (45-Year Reunion - 28 attendees!)

Stacy Alford	Myrna Hall	Donna Marvel
Johnny Blankenship	Debbie Hanson	Kathy Patrick
Elaine Clark	Allen Henderson	Patty Pendleton
Roger Collins	Dwain Henderson	Donna Phillips
Kay Crockett	Glenna Hendrickson	Vickie Reed
Deana Curren	Mary Ann Kimmins	Jerry Thompson
Gary DeShields	Ronnie Klaus	Nancy Williams
Carla Defries	Jackie Lawson	Gary Yoder
Mary Cole Forbes	Loyd Lummus	Mike Young
Janice Green		

Class of '75 (40-Year Reunion - 17 attendees!)

Robin Adkins	Mona Hendrickson	Tommy Massengale
Brenda Baggs	Mark Holland	Neta Mitchell
Debra Beene	Linda Justice	Tracy Moore
Sandra Buckland	Stephenie Kunce	Gordon Taylor
Mary Ann Clemmons	Frank Lay	Angie Williams
Steve Dowell	Diane Loucks	

Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

Class of '55 (60-Year Reunion - 11 attendees!)

Lillie Boyles	Morris Creel	Don Meek
Vernon Burney	Bobby Freeman	Rueben Thompson
Art Bybee	Tracy Hogan	Ben White
Tom Covington	Don Mercer	

Class of '60 (55-Year Reunion - 22 attendees!)

Stanley Allen	Bennie Heston	Martha Russell
Don Andress	Ruth Ellen Hill	Bob Smith
Brenda Barkley	Judy Laney	Barry Steagall
Gary Bullard	Michele Hunter	Eddie Stokes
Sandra Bowling	Richard Pannell	Jack Taylor
Gay Caddell	Lavona Paxton	Bill Vandivere
Toni Caufield	Bob Roland	Roy White
Dick Cook		

Class of '65 (50-Year Reunion - 41 attendees!)

Fred Banas	Joe Hayes	David Moore
Tammy Barrow	Brenda Helms	Mary Morton
Joan Chandler	Marilyn Hughes	Chuck Nichols
Linda Christian	Kirk Hunter	Richard Pirtle
Beverly Cooke	Ralph Jackson	Cloyce Purcell
Carol Crabb	Allen Jenkins	Marsha Rawlings
Danny Dawson	Ira Johnson	Carl Reed
Mike Dixon	Lynn Johnson	Gay Lynn Selman
Gay Lynn Edmondson	Linda Jones	Phyllis Shores
Bill Flanders	Robert Jones	Larry Talley
Joe Gillum	Barbara Klepper	Judith Wendel
Alfred Graves	Mary Kube	Gyron White
Anita Griffith	Reiman Kucera	Sharon Williamson
Bruce Harbison	Sandra McGough	

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Eddy Dickey ('63) and Joe Dickey ('73) at horseshoe tournament.

Horseshoe Tournament Results

Our first-ever horseshoes tournament was a resounding success even considering that there were only 20 participants. It was a heck of a lot of fun! The winning pair was **Joe Dickey ('73)** and **Amanda Lewis** who took home \$100 apiece, while the second-place team was **Tammy Arrington ('76)** and **Daryl Krug ('73)** who bagged \$75 each. So you see, there was good prize money, and that in itself, ought to be incentive for you to sign up for next year's tournament. Even if you don't place, the fun is definitely worth the \$5 entry fee! You've got a year to practice up, so no excuses. We expect more players to sign up next year!

A "dead ringer" for Sis Baker ('73) at horseshoe tournament.



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Scholarship Status Report

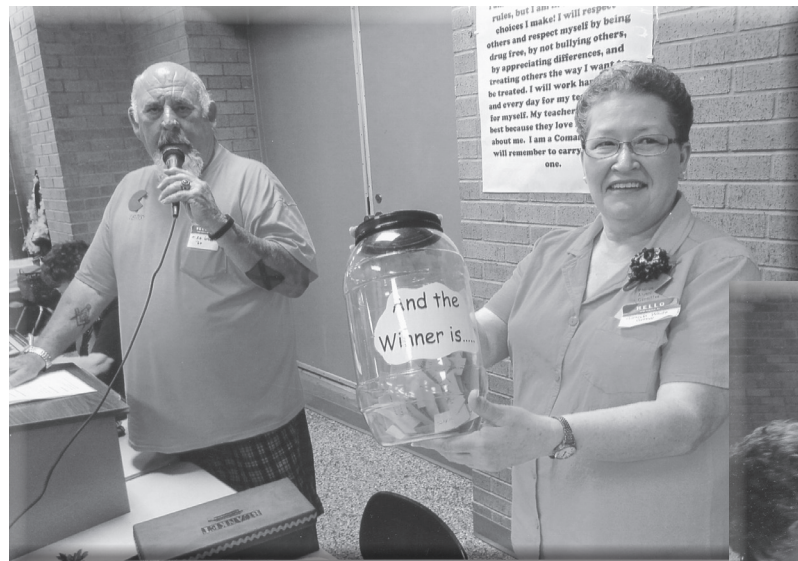
The present endowment scholarship, that we are currently working on, the **Opal Flanders Scholarship**, is now approximately two-thirds complete in reaching the required \$10,000. We anticipate by Homecoming 2016 that we will meet this goal, thanks to the donations contributed by many of you exes. As a reminder, your scholarship donations may be made at any time of the year to any of our established scholarships and sent to **Phillips Alumni Assn/PO Box 1710/ Borger TX 79008**. If you wish, you may also make your scholarship donation in memory of someone dearly departed. The scholarship program has really reinforced and highlighted the name of the Phillips Blackhawks throughout the community as we still by far have provided the greatest number of scholarships at FPC. Even the post-1987, "millennial generation" in the community know there was a Phillips, Texas. The scholarships given in our name and the Heritage Center are our two main legacies.



At golf tournament, Billy Baker ('56) chipping onto the green with teammates Mel Webb ('56), D.L. Malicoat ('59), and Morris Creel ('55) watching on.

Golf Tournament Results

Well, our player numbers were finally back up to 55 from last year's 40 as 14 teams competed. Cooler weather prevailed due to recent rains as it was a pretty Friday morning with low-80s temperatures. This year, a score of 55 was low. Members of the winning foursome were **Bud Baker ('71), Terry Zink ('71), Mike Zink ('69), and Frank Lay ('75)**, who each won \$100 prize money. The tourney was able this year to donate \$1000 once again to the Alumni scholarship fund from the proceeds left over. We're repeating ourselves, but we would like to have more golfers. We want to urge some of you other golfers to participate this next year, especially from the 60-year-old and younger crowd.



Janice Benefield ('58), Colleen Wilson ('54), Barbara Wilson ('56), and Sue Arthur ('63) registering exes at Saturday morning program.



Mike Webb ('64) and Aaronda White ('73) preparing for the Blackhawk blanket drawing.

"They Ain't Making Any More Blackhawks"

Exes in about two-thirds of the 52 senior classes died this past year. Here is an updated table of class death numbers. A few corrections on class size were made from last year's table. Again, the deceased figures below are based on the information at hand, and so the actual numbers may be even higher. This is true because there are several exes of the early classes on our active rolls for whom we've never had addresses (i.e., who are very likely deceased), plus we just simply don't learn of all the deaths. Another clarification - the class total sizes aren't just based on the senior annual counts, but most class rolls also include exes who attended PHS at any time, even a few who only attended Phillips through junior high. Please take care and try to stay out of the righthand columns of the table. As you may well suspect, we really keep close tabs on these numbers, and none of them seem to be getting any smaller...h-m-m-m

Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd	Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd
1936	41	34	82.9	1962	116	23	19.8
1937	36	30	83.3	1963	131	20	15.3
1938	51	41	80.4	1964	79	16	20.3
1939	56	43	76.8	1965	119	21	17.6
1940	62	44	70.1	1966	94	16	17.0
1941	64	47	73.4	1967	90	15	16.7
1942	88	60	68.2	1968	81	15	18.5
1943	87	50	57.5	1969	87	16	18.4
1944	75	50	66.7	1970	83	12	14.5
1945	66	35	53.0	1971	92	8	8.7
1946	66	42	63.6	1972	78	11	14.1
1947	94	52	55.3	1973	86	15	17.4
1948	83	42	50.6	1974	64	11	17.2
1949	72	40	55.6	1975	52	6	11.5
1950	88	36	40.9	1976	56	9	16.1
1951	66	25	37.9	1977	44	3	6.8
1952	77	38	49.4	1978	49	8	16.3
1953	106	43	40.6	1979	47	3	6.4
1954	99	45	45.4	1980	39	5	12.8
1955	114	47	41.2	1981	35	3	8.6
1956	109	38	34.9	1982	42	0	0.0
1957	128	42	32.8	1983	37	2	5.4
1958	119	31	26.1	1984	28	2	7.1
1959	142	39	27.5	1985	17	1	5.9
1960	143	27	18.9	1986	21	1	4.8
1961	180	42	23.3	1987	30	3	10.0

Did You Know That?

Sandra Bowling Foust's ('60) daughter, Shanna Peeples, received last April the National Teacher of the Year Award. Shanna is the first teacher from the Amarillo ISD and the first Texan in more than 50 years to be selected for this prestigious honor. She attended a ceremony at the White House where she was recognized for this award. Shanna is a former Borger student and presently an English teacher at Palo Duro High School. As a National Teacher of the Year, Shanna is taking a year off from the classroom to serve as a spokeswoman for her profession across the country.

A Big, Well-Deserved "Thank-You" to Our Photographers

You know, each fall newsletter published in recent years owes much of its success and aesthetic appeal (especially this year due to this edition's dearth of articles) to the quantity and quality of pictures that lace the letter. These pictures that we take for granted don't just magically appear from out of thin air, but are primarily produced and donated to Association due to the diligent efforts of **Richard Kelly** of the 1958 Class. Richard, a very adept photographer, is a perennial and faithful attendee who has consented to taking photos at our annual Homecomings, thus sacrificing a lot of his personal time that could be spent visiting. This time he probably shouldn't have even made the trip from Lago Vista, TX as he really is still convalescing and recovering from some recent serious surgeries and other health issues. Homecoming weekend had to have exhausted him in the truest sense of the word. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for unselfishly providing this behind-the-scenes service. This can best be expressed by your taking the time to personally call him at (512)267-5659 or Email him at rkelly9@austin.rr.com. Thank you so much, Richard, for all you do in promoting the Blackhawk Spirit.

We also want to thank **Barbara Wilson's ('56) husband, Eugene Richmond**, for also supplying pictures taken at Homecoming over the years. The couple attends all the Alumni Committee meetings throughout the year.



Left to right: Joey Sutphen ('58), Janice Benefield ('58), Johnny Cook ('58), Gil Curren ('54), Barbara Wilson ('56), and Ralph Smith ('57).



Bill Flanders ('65) viewing 1965 Class display area of Heritage Center.



Members of the girls 1976 basketball team: Left to right: Jill Rankin ('76), Janet Morris ('77), Tammy Arrington ('76), Mona Hendrickson ('75), Mary Ann Clemmons ('75), Kim Arrington ('77), and Jan Lawson ('77).



Group picture of the 1960 Class attendees.



Jo Ann Hubbard ('48) and Carolyn Ostrom ('48) viewing 1948 Class display area of Heritage Center.



Left to right: Sharon Flynn ('64), Shirley King ('66), and Candy Irwin ('66) at Homecoming program.



Group picture of the 1975 Class attendees.



Group picture of the 1958 Class attendees.

Left to right: Bob Bybee ('57), Dick Jackson ('45), and Art Bybee ('55).



Group picture of the 1973 Class attendees.



Class of 1955 reunion banner displayed at class dinner at The Plaza Restaurant.

Members of the boys 1965 basketball team: Left to right: Carl Reed, Joe Hayes, Richard Pirtle, Larry Lewis' widow Gail Lewis, Danny Dawson, and Gyron White.



Group picture of the 1965 Class attendees.



H.F. Ritchie ('57) playing guitar and singing at motel Saturday evening.