



Dear Phillips Exes,

It appears that the far-reaching effects of El Nino are not over. The local weather bureau has just issued a severe weather alert, albeit a long-range forecast, for the weekend of July 10-12 for those persons living in Hutchinson County. The bureau is warning the local residents that a volatile mix of unusually explosive personalities and egos will converge that weekend producing stormy, windy, and perhaps gaseous conditions, with the eye of the storm projected to be in the Borger-Stinnett area. The same are advised to either seek shelter or join right in with the other weathered chasers expected on the scene....at their own risk. Those who must travel to this area are cautioned to be adequately prepared with paraphernalia needed for such an unpredictable weekend (cameras, recorders, etc.).

The Phillips Alumni Committee is looking forward to hosting the PHS Homecoming (HC) this **JULY 10-11** at which all the former girls' volleyball teams (players, coaches, and managers) will be honored. To be especially recognized are *the nine teams that won state in the years of 1957, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1969, and 1971, plus the undefeated teams of 1950 and 1952* who were victims of the times when no state championship playoffs existed. As has been noted in our previous letter, these teams will at last receive the long-overdue public fanfare and recognition from their peers that back at the time was, as often the case, lackluster and at best still not on par with the level of that afforded both the football and basketball programs. We anticipate a very good turnout from these former athletes and want to encourage their classmates and friends to come show support for them.

According to our records, PHS had a girls' volleyball program from 1947 - 1975. That's 29 teams with 130 girls who played varsity ball (9 of whom are now deceased) under 5 different coaches, all of whom the "eyes of exes" will be upon at HC. Several of them made all-state (not to be confused with making the state all-tournament team), whom we're still in the process of trying to identify for the years 1965 to 1975. Can any of you help us out in this matter? We want this information for our Heritage Center.

Here's the schedule of events for **Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th** 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 Huber Golf Course (west of Borger by Country Club)
Fri 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm -- Early Bird Mixer at Local 351 Union Hall at 111 E. Coolidge, Borger (refreshments served)
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 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm -- Browsing Through Heritage Center (this is a must and a treat for those who've never seen it!)
Sat 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm -- Women Exes Volleyball Game(s) at Borger High School Gym (depends on ex-players' response)
Sat 6:30 pm - 12:00 am -- Come-and-Go Party at Borger Country Club (hors d'oeuvres table, dance with DJ starts at 8:30 pm, sponsored by the Class of '73)

Attention golfers! All interested Hawks, Hawkettes, Spouses/Dates/Family are invited to play at the Big Blackhawk Golf Scramble, tee-off time at **12:30 pm sharp**, Friday. Great news!...The entry fee this year is reduced to \$25 per person, which includes green fee and golf cart, as several local sponsors will donate money for prizes. Please consider giving them your business while in Borger (see their business cards on next page). **The first 64 entries will be assured a cart.** Richard Hale, Huber Golf pro, will determine the four-somes according to handicap or average score. So those of you who are interested, please complete the enclosed golf form, and let's have an afternoon of fun and competition. **Mr. Kimmins, Burch Ingram('55), and Phillip Sweeney('45)** lined up our sponsors.

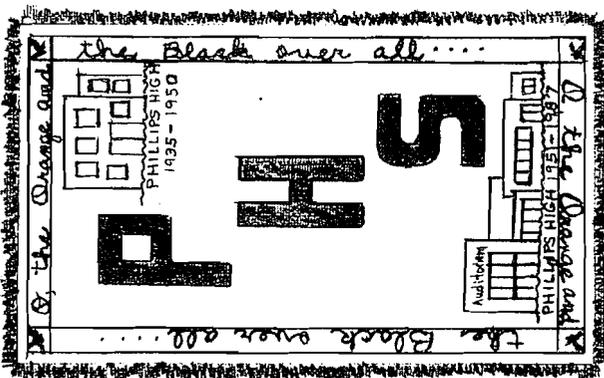
There will be several prizes awarded during the program on Saturday morning. First there will be souvenir ribbons given to all the former volleyball players and coaches as a memento of this year's celebration. Second there will be a drawing to award an official regulation-size volleyball, containing the signatures of all the former volleyball players attending HC, to some lucky soul of the same group of ladies. If you're one of the former players, be sure to autograph the volleyball (and a second ball to be placed in the Heritage Center) as you register that morning. Of course, there will be the traditional, \$140 Blackhawk blanket that every ex is eligible to win by virtue of having paid his/her annual dues, whether present or not. And there will be some miscellaneous prizes.

Celebrating their 50th Reunion in conjunction with HC will be the Class of '48. If there's one reunion that exes ought to come to in their lifetime, then this is it...the "Big Goldie". We could bore you sexagenarians with the mortuary statistics presenting your odds for being around for your 51st; however, we'll just urge you to attend in the strongest, possible way. Someone in the '48 Class will win a customized Blackhawk blanket (**must be present to win!**). The class wants to invite members of both the '47 and '49 Classes to attend their functions. If you are interested in further details, please call **Jo Ann Hubbard Kuhrt** at (806)274-3632. Several other classes plus the 1948 football team are also having reunions here during HC weekend as listed below along with one of their contacts.

'58...**Judy Lee Mooney** (806)273-5537 '68...**Craig Hunter** (806)878-3138 '48 Football Team...**Johnny Ussery**
'63...**Karen Birch Demings** (972)424-9075 '73... **Leon Cowan** (806)274-2607 (505)623-7368

The dues are still \$7.00 (\$10.00 covers you and your spouse, if both are Phillips exes). The catered lunch and Country Club snacks costs you will pay at HC just prior to each meal, if you wish to indulge. Without trying to twist your arm too hard, again a gentle reminder that your dues are what keep your Alumni Association in existence and able to put on HC's 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 distribution mailout list for the fall PHS Newsletter** which seems to be a big success. We have received very favorable and encouraging response on our first two newsletters....lots of news there, folks.

Since we realize that your chance of winning the one Blackhawk blanket given away each year is small, this year we are offering for sale a 100 % cotton, Phillips High School afghan at an affordable cost of \$30. The 48" by 65", tri-color (orange,black,off-white) afghan will picture both the original "old" and "new" high schools with a large diagonal "PHS" centered in between. Blackhawks appear on the corners and the opening words of the school fight song are lettered along the border. A rough sketch of it appears below. Initially there will be 130 blankets made available that we must sell (or eat) before we further commit to ordering others to be made, depending on the purchase response to this letter (see form:Afghan). Since there already seems to be a lot of interest, at least locally, we suggest you order your afghan ASAP to ensure yours will be there at HC for pickup. It will make an attractive throw for your home....something that is practical to use. **Ona Lee Hedrick Johnson('60) and Aaronda White Gerow('73)**, our two newest committee members, deserve a big "THANKS!" for their time and energy spent in the design and order of the afghans.



For this HC, we want to plan a fun thing for the former varsity volleyball players, and the rest of us (called *spectators*), and that is to stage a volleyball game(s) in which the even-year senior class women exes play those women of the odd-year senior classes. How about it, gals; do you feel up to it? Unless it would be absolutely detrimental to your health, or you're just not physically able to play, we want to encourage you to participate. You'll notice at the bottom of the form below a place to indicate that you would like to participate. If you're game, please be sure to bring your own gym attire and tennis shoes. Let us hear from you real soon, so we can begin organizing this brouhaha.

If you want an address listing for your class, please send \$1.50 with your request (see form:Listing) to the Alumni Association. If you want address labels in addition, send \$6.00 for the two. A current list of all the deceased exes runs \$1.50, also. Anyone contributing (see form:Other) an extra \$100 or over will have his/her name etched in brass on our special donor plaque in the Heritage Center.

If you need motel accommodations for the HC weekend, we recommend the Villa (where old Post Drive-in was). Address and phone number appear on their business card. In all fairness to Villa, we won't mention the other popular motel, who refused to be a sponsor.

At the bottom is that insufferable, but necessary 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 any thing 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 because of moves or mailing address changes for whatever reason. This past year there have been so many new area codes assigned to phone numbers that much of our present information is outdated. So please cooperate by completing the form and returning it ASAP to us. It only takes a minute or two to fill out.

Just so you'll know, for HC on July 9-10, 1999, we will honor all former transfer students who had to endure the relentless bus rides from Fritch, Sanford, and Plemons....but let's see you this summer first! You volleyball gals, remember to clip your fingernails!

Your alumni committee

Class: _____ Date: _____

Amount \$\$\$ Enclosed: Dues _____ + Listing(s) _____ + Golf Fee _____ + Afghan _____ + 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 _____

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

Name of someone who will always know your address _____ Relation to you _____

Their Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No. _____

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

(For FORMER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS *only*) I would like to participate in the exes' volleyball match. Yes _____ No _____