

Dear Phillips Exes and Teachers,



PHS HOMECOMING 1999



March, 1999

"Homecoming 1999"h-m-m-m-m. It ring to it....like that final homecoming in God handle that one, and we'll continue This time we will honor all the transfer tric City, Plemons, Sunset Heights, and daily bus ride to and from high school in in last September's newsletter, these exes great sacrifice of time and inconvenience that the rest of us almost seemed oblivious or apathetic to. They were truly indispensable in forming the winning spirit, proud tradition, and rich heritage that developed over the years and epitomized the school.



almost has an eerie, if not apocalyptic, the great by-and-by. However, we'll let taking and planning ours one at a time. ex-students from Sanford, Fritch, Elec- the outlying camps who had to make that Phillips. As we expressed at some length surely deserve due recognition for their

The Phillips Alumni Committee (PAC) is looking forward to hosting the PHS Homecoming (HC) this **JULY 16-17**, which all former bus transfer students are especially urged to attend. And, all other exes and friends are encouraged to turn out as well and show their support for them. If you're one who's "all for fun", then you'll definitely want to try to be here because there will be "fun for all". For starters, former Fritch hometown favorites and popular singing artists/song writers, **Bill Dees('57)** and, tentatively, **Red Stegall ('56)** are scheduled to entertain us with their well-known musical talents and humor. At our Saturday morning program, we would like for several of you former commuters to volunteer to relate a short story or anecdote about some funny experience that you recall happening on the bus (*athletic trips, choir trips, band trips, senior trips, etc. don't count*). Begin thinking about this now and plan to share with us on that weekend. It ought to be a real hoot! A prize will be awarded to the top story. Now we would like to stipulate that there be some element of truth to these stories....and no "changing of the names to protect the innocent", or the guilty.

Here's the schedule of events for **Friday, July 16th** and **Saturday, July 17th** 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 Borger Country Club Golf Course (west of Borger)
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 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm -- Borger Country Club (hors d'oeuvres table, Red Stegall and Bill Dees to sing/perform at 7:00 pm)
Sat 8:30 pm - 12:00 am -- Dance at Borger Country Club (with live DJ), sponsored by the Class of '79
Open to all classes.

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. Like last year, the entry fee is 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 business cards on next page). The Country Club golf pro will determine the foursomes according to handicap or average score. There really was hardly any difference in team scores among last year's top four finishers. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed golf form, brush up on your game, and let's have an afternoon of fun and competition.

Several prizes will be awarded during the program on Saturday morning. There will be souvenir ribbons for all, and bus pins for all "bus" exes as a memento of this year's celebration. Also there will be a drawing to give away several door prizes. As mentioned earlier, a prize will be given for the best "bus story". Of course, there will be the traditional, \$120 Blackhawk wool 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 special presentations meted out (ex coming the farthest, etc., but no Bald Hawk Award....most of 'em are on either Rogaine, Kevis, or Propecia, it seems).

Celebrating their 50th Reunion in conjunction with HC will be the Class of '49. Over the past decade this has been the big drawing card and integral part of HC. The *one reunion* that exes shouldn't even have to think twice about attending is their 50th....we've never heard anyone express anything negative or regret they had come. Quite the contrary....they all had a great time, or they put on one of the biggest fronts of their lives! Someone in the '49 Class will win a customized Blackhawk blanket (**must be present to win!**). The class wants to invite members of both the '48 and '50 Classes to attend their functions. If you are interested in further details, please call **Jeannie Doffer Collins('49)** in Norman OK at (405)447-1493. Several other classes that are also having reunions here during HC weekend are listed below along with one of their contacts or organizers. If your class is "up", give 'em a call and encourage them. If there are any other classes having reunions, we are not aware of them.

Colleen Wilson Hooper('54)....(806)274-3780 **Teresa Harvey Ormsby('74).....(806)273-6014**
Karen Hood Karr('59).....(806)273-6500 **Audie Hatton('79 & '78).....(806)273-2465**
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 partake. We sincerely don't mean to come across as pushy, 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 distribution mailout list for the fall alumni Newsletter** which seems to be a big success. We've received very favorable and encouraging response on our first three newsletters. So far there's been lots of news there, folks, and we know that most of you like feedback on the last HC, and to be kept up-to-date.

This is our second year that we are offering for sale a very attractive, 100 % cotton, Phillips High School afghan at an affordable cost of \$30 (see form:Afghan). The 48" by 65", orange/black/white/gray afghan pictures 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. The rough sketch we inserted in last year's HC letter simply didn't do it justice. We're not exaggerating when we say that nearly everyone wants to buy one immediately when they first see it and discover how nice it is - that it's not gaudy at all. In fact, we are having trouble keeping them in stock. Since there continues 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 a very practical, attractive throw.

If you want your class addresses listing, please send \$1.50 with your request (see form:Listing) 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 runs \$1.50, also. Once again we are offering the revised and reformatted year-by-year history of Phillips (1926-1990) for \$3.50 each (see form:History). Lastly, 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 do not want to discourage anyone from donating *any amount* less than \$100....it will be put to good and needful use.

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 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. *This time we are asking for two new bits of information* that we want to add to our computer files....(1) your E-mail address (please print neatly), if you have one, and (2) first names of all your brothers and sisters (deceased siblings as well) along with the class(or thereabouts) they were in, regardless of whether they graduated from or went to Phillips, or not. 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 year we have several 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. Any class address listings that you request won't be sent until mid-May to ensure that you have the benefit of the latest address updates.

CAUTION!!! If your class is having a reunion in conjunction with the HC, please be sure to mail your reunion charges to your 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.

Just so you'll know and can be thinking about it, for HC on July 8-9, 2000, we will honor all former boys' basketball and track teams who racked up numerous titles/honors and provided us with many thrilling moments. We are combining these two because many of the same boys went out for both sports. However, we still have one more HC to go this century at which we want a big turnout, SO LET'S SEE YOU FIRST THIS COMING SUMMER! There'll be ample parking space for any yellow and black busses on hand.

Your "PAC men" and women

Class: _____ INFORMATION FORM Date: _____

Amount \$\$\$ Enclosed: Dues _____ + Listing(s) _____ + History _____ + 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 _____ 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. _____

Brothers/sisters: _____

Do you plan to move within the next year? _____ Where (if known) _____ When _____
Were you a bus student? NO ___ YES ___ If YES, in which town or camp did you live? _____