

Dear Phillips Exes and Teachers,



PHS HOMECOMING 2000



March, 2000

"In the paint", "hands check", "3 on 1", "reverse lay up", "granny shot", "pick", "Fosbury flop", "kicking it in", "gun lap", "broad jump", "hop, skip, and jump", Does any of the above sports jargon even few of these terms are now obsolete due to the metric system, but all these should



"3-second violation", "palming", "dunk", "2-2 box plus 1", "post up", "walking", "passing the baton", "back in the pack", "A 50-flat 440", "down the straightaway". sound remotely familiar? Admittedly, a to political correctness or to conformance ring a bell to at least a couple of groups.

All this...to say that at Homecoming we will honor all the boys varsity basketball and track teams. It's time at last to pay tribute to all the guys who spent long hours after school in the gym and on the football/track field pushing themselves beyond their physical limits; had to swear off cokes and dating during season (at least *officially* in the early days); ran man-eaters and extra laps, nursed sprained ankles, shin splints, and pulled hamstrings; endured the callous and humiliating calls by the refs. All this supreme and noble sacrifice given that the rest of us, the fans, might witness great athleticism, sportsmanship, perseverance, dedication, and vicariously share in their triumphs and defeats...but the truth be known that they also did it to grab the sports headlines and get all the good-looking girls!

The Phillips Alumni Committee (PAC) is looking forward to hosting the PHS Homecoming (HC) this **JULY 14-15**, which all former boys basketball players and tracksters are especially urged to attend. All other exes and friends are encouraged to turn out, too, and show their support for them. We will especially honor the **1956 and 1965 basketball teams** who went to the state playoffs, and the **1952 track team** that finished 2nd at state. Also we want to recognize all those individuals who either made all-state in basketball or placed at the state track meet. So please help us out, you former "jocks". There were not good records kept regarding season finishes in spring sports. Some years we do have. Tell us (for the years you played or can recall) what teams by year won district or regional. Also give us names of anyone that won basketball all-state honors or placed at the state track meet. Again, we are aware of a few distinguished athletes, but don't want to leave anyone out come July 15th at our program. And, of course, we will recognize the PHS coaches in these two sports. We shouldn't have to remind you ex-players to be careful not to be caught smoking in front of the coaches...ba-a-ad things can happen!!!

Here's the schedule of events for **Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th** 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 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, entertainment tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm)
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 business cards on next page). **Larry Joe Reed('67)**, golf pro, will determine the foursomes according to handicap or average score. Last year we had a turnout of around 50 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 athletic key rings for all ex-players 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" stories. Be thinking about a funny/unusual game or track meet incident to relate. An autographed basketball will be given to some guy on each the 1956 and 1965 basketball teams, and an autographed track jersey to someone on the 1952 track team. Last there will be a drawing for a Blackhawk wool blanket that every dues-paying ex is eligible to win, whether present or not.

Celebrating their 50th Reunion in conjunction with HC will be the Class of '50. 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 '50 Class will win a customized Blackhawk blanket (must be present to win!). Anyone from the other classes is invited to attend their Friday dinner function. If you are interested in further details, please call **Deannie Franklin Carroll('50)** in Fritch TX at **(806)857-8783**. The Class of '40 is also celebrating their 60-Year Reunion, the first class ever to do so! Other classes having reunions here during HC weekend are '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, and '80. The '55 Class will be doing something novel in taking two buses for its members to tour the home site of Phillips and the schools. In June, the '67 Class is going on a 4-day reunion sea cruise that will tour the ports of S. California, the Canary Island, the Baja Peninsula....lucky dogs hawks! This is the brainchild of Phillips ex **Sue Banes Gan('67)** (that's Gan as in "EX-trav-a-GAN-za"). **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 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 seems to be a big success. You do like feedback on HC, recent news on exes, checking the obits to see if you're still alive, don't you?

This is our third year that we are offering for sale the very attractive Phillips High School afghan at an affordable cost of \$35 (see form:Afghan). We had to increase our price due to rising postage rates and manufacturing costs. You can order your afghan to pick up at HC or have it mailed to you. At HC you'll also be able to buy a very nice Titleist Phillips Blackhawk ballcap (pay for this at HC).

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 for all classes for \$2.00 (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 do not want to discourage anyone from donating any amount less than \$100....it will be put to good and needful use!

At the bottom is that perennial favorite and delightful 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. We're not on-line yet.

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. A new Best Western motel is currently under construction, but won't be ready for occupancy by mid-July.

Just so you'll know and can be thinking about it, for HC on July 13-14, 2001, we will honor all former cheerleaders and mascots who were real cheerleaders back then and not just acrobats/booty shakers like you see mostly today. However, keep your focus on the HC on tap for this summer at which we want a big turnout, SO LET'S SEE YOU THIS JULY! Also, F.Y.I., the Classes of '54, '55, and '56 are having a special reunion in Georgetown, Texas on Aug. 25-26 at Sun City to which all classes are invited(as accommodations permit)....for further information, contact Morris Creel('55) at 103 Silverbell Circle, Georgetown TX 78628, (512)931-1467. Unless you do so, or have done so already, you will receive no further mailouts regarding this special reunion being put on by some of the Austin area exes. Separate rooms will be made available for individual class meetings. Estimated basic cost will run \$65 per person, if you pre-register.

We leave you with these parting wearls of pisdom. "Old students never die, they just get degraded. Old teachers never die, they just lose their class and faculties. Old musicians never die, they just decompose. Old football players never die, they just use up their timeouts and then pass away. Old basketball players never die, they just dribble around and hoop it up once too many. Old tracksters never die, they just run out of wind and time...or they just throw their discs out and go shot kaput." Feel free to barf, just don't get any on the Info Form below.

Your PAC members

Class: _____ Date: _____ INFORMATION FORM

Amount \$ Enclosed: Dues _____ + Lists:Addr _____ Dec. _____ E-mail _____ + 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. _____

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