



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

SUMMER 2008

Long-time Voice of the Bison Dies at age 91

Dr. Henry H. Johns, Jr. ('35), legendary voice of Bo Bison, passed away on December 10, 2007 at age 91. Johns began his teaching career at Sunset in 1944, and began the tradition of the Bison speech in 1952. He taught at Sunset until 1960, then later was the district's foreign language supervisor. He returned to Sunset late in his career.

Johns' identity as speaker was a closely-kept secret. "I am the spirit of Sunset," the speech began. "I am the symbol of

heritage...of splendid achievement and fine people who have made Sunset what it is today." The speech was traditional at homecoming pep rallies until 2006. When Dr. Johns' identity was made public in 2002, his old classroom was dedicated in his honor.

A memorial service was held on December 14. All of the pallbearers were Sunset graduates, and many more Bisons were in attendance at the service.

"I am the Spirit of Sunset"

Alumni Participate in Medal Presentation



Two outstanding JROTC cadets from Sunset received medals in a presentation at the school. Glenn Wamble ('47) (LCDR-USNR-Ret.) presented a medal on behalf of the Military Officers Association of America, Greater Dallas Chapter. Patricia Boughan Westerlage ('46) presented the medal to Esmeralda Lopez on behalf of the National Society of the DAR, Gen. Levi Casey Chapter. Both the DAR and the MOAA-GDC annually present these medals to several area high schools. Shown with Glenn and Patti is Senior Army Instructor Lt. Col. William L. Lemons, Jr., US Army-Retired.

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Prom Shop, A Great Success



Thanks to the efforts of **Cyndi Gregory Crowe** ('79) and our school liaison Janelle Bates ('71), a number of Sunset students were the recipients of almost-new dresses for this year's prom. Most of the dresses were donated by Hebron High School's Silver Wings Drill Team after their homecoming. Realizing that most young ladies wear a formal only once, Cyndi has worked hard to solicit the

donation of these gently-used dresses to benefit current Sunset students who might not be able to afford a new dress. Another Prom Shop is scheduled for the fall. If you can help with a dress donation, contact Cyndi at ccrowe38@yahoo.com.



Nanette Geoo ('53) is pictured with recently-retired WFAA-TV weatherman Troy Dungan at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter, Religion Communicators Council Norvell Slater Communicator Awards Luncheon where Mr. Dungan received the annual award. Nanette, one of the founders of the Chapter, received the award in 2005.

First Ivan Greenhaw Scholar-Athlete Award Presented

Sunset senior **Gelena Rodriguez** was recipient of the first **Ivan Greenhaw** Scholar-Athlete Award at an awards assembly on May 16. The presentation was begun by the classes of 1951 and 1952, in tribute to '51 graduate Greenhaw who led the '50 football team to the state championship. Rodriguez was selected from three candidates who fit the criteria of 90 percent academics and 10 percent athletics, taking AP classes and exams, playing a sport for three years, having high SAT/ACT score, good qualities of citizenship and stewardship, and active in making Sunset a better place. The awards assembly was attended by Greenhaw's widow, **Margaret Minnis Greenhaw** ('54), son David Greenhaw, daughter Shelly Greenhaw Abbot, and brother-in-law **Don Minnis** ('44). Other alumni in attendance were **Lynn Bergoon DeWitt** ('50), president of the Alumni Association; **Fred Skidmore** ('51), **Sandra Young Julien** ('51), **Don Martin** ('52), and **Jerry Boyd** ('76).

SAVE THE DATE
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The Fourth Annual Sunset Lettermen & Friends Golf Tournament, will be held again this year at the Thorntree Country Club in DeSoto. Net proceeds will go to the Sunset Foundation to assist with college scholarships for graduating Sunset seniors. Carl Warwick, celebrated Sunset athlete, will again serve as Tournament Director. As the date draws nearer, check www.sunsetfoundation.org for entry information.

Alumni Events

The Class of 1947 had its semi-annual luncheon at the original El Fenix Restaurant in downtown Dallas on May 18. Some 55 Bisons and guests were in attendance, and the boisterous bunch was led in a cheer by classmate **David Chalk**. The next meeting is planned for November.

The Class of 1969 will hold a Mixer on October 18 at Cricketeers at the Hilton Lincoln Center. Dress is casual, no charge to attend, cash bar, and the evening will feature both a live and a silent auction and raffles. All funds raised that evening will go towards defraying the cost of the 40th reunion next year. For more information, see www.sunsetclassof69.com.

The Class of 1970 held a reunion in May. The Classes of '77, '78 and '79 had a "flashback" reunion in June with events at the Hyatt Regency, Stevens Park Golf Course, and Kessler Park Methodist Church pocket park. Former principal Harold Filgo spoke to alumni. See www.myspace.com/70sflashbackreunion for details.



The Class of 1968 met July 18-20 at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre. Some of the reunion planning committee members are pictured here: (1st row) **Jan Killian, Sandra Sutherland, Anna Barclay, Judy Huggins, Penny Hatley, Becky Cowan**; (2nd row) **Donna Baggett, Jay Johnston, Mark Smythe**; (3rd row) **Stephany Pitt, Mike Conway, Cheryl Walthers**.

When friends come together..

Class Websites and Websites of Interest

Sunset High School Alumni	www.sunsetalumni.com
Classes of '38-'46	www.sunset.drkinslow.com
Class of '50	www.bisons1950.org
Classes of '56	www.sunsetspirit1956.com
Classes of '57-'58	www.theherd.net
Class of '61	www.sunset61bison.com
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Class of '69	www.sunsetclassof69.com
Class of '70	www.shs70.net
Class of '88	www.myspace.com/sunset1988
Class of '89	(link through Alumni Assn. website)
Class of '94	www.geocities.com/sunsethigh1994
Sunset Bison Band	www.members.aol.com/thesunsetband
Sunset Foundation	www.sunsetfoundation.org

Have we missed your class website? Tell Webmaster at sunstalumni@sbcglobal.net

The Class of 1958 held its 50th reunion the weekend of June 20-22, kicking off with a golf scramble at Stevens Park Golf Course, followed by a social hour at the Marriott DFW Airport Hotel. The hotel also was the site of a Saturday evening reunion banquet and a Sunday morning brunch. The weekend included a much-anticipated bus tour through Oak Cliff and visit to Sunset. The Class of 1958 has remained unusually close, thanks in large part to the efforts of The Herd newsletter editors and longtime friends **Eddie Cullum** and **Max Maris**.

The Class of 1953 will hold their 55th reunion on Saturday, October 4, with a lunch at El Fenix, an assembly at the school and a get-together at Elks Lodge that evening. For information or a reservation form, contact **Yvonne James Fritz** ('53) at YJFritz@aol.com, or 972-235-1718.

Who's Keepin' Up With Your Class?

Contact information provided here is for the use of Sunset Alumni only in communicating with class representatives. Class Contact persons are asked to refer fundraising requests to the Alumni Association Board for determination as to the appropriate response. For corrections to info shown below, contact Bruce Nance at brucenance@sbcglobal.net.

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In Memoriam

Following are the names of Bisons whose deaths occurred since our last newsletter, or of whose death we were made aware since the last newsletter. If the graduation year is not known, it is shown as "est." If any reader knows correct dates, please contact the Editor at soprano1225@tx.rr.com.

Virginia Layton Bryant	1926	Ollie McDonald, Jr.	1946	Bobby Charles Strain	1953
Anna Hardeman Carter	1926	Harriet Matlock Nye	1946	C. Robert Coleman	1954
Johnnie L. McLarty Dillon	1928	David P. Rainbolt	1946	Edwin Lewis Feemster	1954
J. C. Hague, Jr.	1929	Dell Barber	1947	Dona Lou Jones Hix	1954
Charlene Cupp Calhoun	1933	Richard Eades	1947	Charles Edward Quinn	1954
Philena Franks Froning	1933	Patsy Fain	1947	Gary Warren Hipps Sr.	1955
Mildred Pearl Arney Grant	1935	Walter Fred Leonard III	1947	Patrick Henry Buchanan	1956
H. H. (Johnny) Johns, Jr.	1935	Frank Litton	1947	Robert Clay Henderson	1957
Martha Louise Smith Clark	1936	Mary L. Dollinger Love	1947	Richard Andrew Click	1960
Louise Abbe Frederick	1937	Edgar McHugh	1947	Mary Davis Chandler	1961
H. C. (Chris) Kockos	1939	Glenn Mitchell	1947	Patricia Riley Langridge	1961
John (Jack) Parker	1939	Robert Allen Owens	1947	Jerry Burns	1962
J. W. "Dub" Mitchell	1940	Miriam Keele Poland	1947	Judith Bostick Davis	1962
Elizabeth Kimball Tigertt	(est.) 1940	Raymond Spratt	1947	Melba Carter McKinley	1962
Rosalie Smith Worsham	1941	Mary Catherine Reed Wood	1947	Robert Allen Reeves	1962
Charles L. Childers	1942	Mary Lois McBride Craig	1948	Jon Anthony Seaton	1962
E. R. "Ruck" Henson	1942	Martha Richardson Lacy	1948	Clarence Brooks, Sr.	1964
Wanda McCulloh Urban	(est.) 1942	Barbara Steiner Beall	1949	Duane Headrick	1965
Robert W. Gilbert	1943	Richard Franklin Ford	1949	Lonnie Patterson	1965
Ira Lee Allen	1943	Robert C. Hancock	1949	Larry Cecil Marlow	1966
Elizabeth Ann Carter	1943	Danny Hawk	1950	Dan Rawlins	1966
Lucille E. Spann Kersey	1943	Douglas B. Kinser	1951	Carolyn Crouch McFadden	1967
Peggy Cunningham Sims	1943	Dana Gwen Finke Barron	1952	Michael Anthony Strafford	1968
Edna L. Booth Jenson	(est.) 1944	Charles Garry Hendricks	1952	Dana Burks DeLong	1969
Charlotte VanMeter Menger	1944	Thomas W. Moore, Jr.	1952	Raymond S. Chapman	1971
Chester L. Phelps	1944	Janet Manning Bills	1953	Mary Jane Storey Krewell	1971
Martha Blaylock Thompson	1944	Charles Robert Carnahan	1953	Debra Green Ricco	1977
Gus Lindsey Berry	1945	Robert Morris Caron	1953	Danny Dowers	1978
La Nelle Clayton Grayson	1945	Joseph H. Dwinnell	1953	Ernest (Tony) Rogers	1979
Edwin Emerson Coker	(est.) 1946	Bernie B. Evans	1953	Vicky Cosper Kling	1981
Gene Garren Freeland Sr.	1946	Roseanne LaFlamme Shackelford	1953		

They will not grow old, as we who are left grow old...

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn...And at the setting of the sun, and in the morning...

We shall remember them.

Our sympathy and caring are extended to the families of these Sunset alumni.

Bisons in the News...

GRASS ROOTS... Alice Zaccarello ('69) received the Grass Roots Award from the Oak Cliff Lions Club at the Lions District 2-X1 Convention in April. The award is given to recognize the dedication of Lions who have done unheralded service for their club, community and Lionism. Other Sunset grads at the convention were Past District Governor John Eads, and **Carol Wakeham Honza** ('58) (Ennis Host Lions Club).

NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES... Congratulations to Ed Powell and **Sara Hawkins Powell** ('57) of Grand Prairie, who celebrated their 50th anniversary, having been married on April 4, 1958. They met while attending Sunset. Congratulations also to **Robert Irby** ('43) and **Ora Sellers Irby** ('48), whose 50th anniversary was July 3.

BISON CELEBRATES PROFESSIONAL ANNIVERSARY... **Monty Ousley Weddell** ('62) celebrated his 35th anniversary as a professional artist and business owner of Thee Art Gallery in Arlington. A published author, historian, former AAU Mr. Dallas Bodybuilding Champion, and professional photographer, Monty is married to **Vicki Ellis** ('66).

AWARDED WITH PRIDE... Sunset student **Jose Contreras** received the Good Citizen's Award from the Gen. Levi Casey Chapter of the DAR. Sunset grads **Patricia Boughan Westerlage** ('46) and **Suzanne Deal Sellers** ('59) are active members of the Levi Casey Chapter.

On behalf of The Judge Fite Company, **Jim Fite** ('71) was honored by Easter Seals North Texas in recognition of the company's contributions to Easter Seals. The Fite Company raised over \$180,000 in 2007 through various company-sponsored programs.

Joel Laxson ('91) and his dad Tom are operating Oak Cliff Pizza, located across the street from the old Schindler's Baker on West Davis Street. The eatery is winning rave reviews for its menu, and has been written up in the Cliff Dweller Magazine and the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

SUNSET LINKS TO BROADWAY... **Michael Yeargan** ('64) won this year's TONY award for best set design for the production of South Pacific.

BISON DEATHS reported in the news...

Gene G. Freeland ('46), referred to as an elder statesman of Texas labor, died in January. While at Sunset, Gene played football with James W. Holbrook, a longtime Dallas labor leader....**Rev. Joseph Dwinnell** ('53), died in June after a hard battle with cancer. Joe served as a minister to various Presbyterian churches for 40 years, serving the Mabank Presbyterian Church at the time of his retirement in 2000....**Dan Rawlins** ('66) was celebrating his recent retirement when he was swept offshore by a rip current and drowned in Hawaii. He was the HIV/AIDS program coordinator at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Department of State Health Services.

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Voices from years past...

Nannette Reese Hanslowe ('43) wrote to say that she has lived in Denton, Boston, Detroit, Ithaca NY and now Medford, NJ since she left the hallowed halls of Sunset. She has great memories of the 50th reunion of her class, and would sure love to contact **Marian Gauldin** and **Marion Bucklin**. Nannette remembers Sunset football coach Herman Crowley, who was also at North Texas Agricultural College when she attended...**Johnny Sides** was a Sunset graduate who died in 1951 as a result of injuries received in the line of duty. The annual Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Award is given by the Dallas Police Department to an officer who exemplifies Officer Sides' dedication, leadership, caring, and

sacrifice...**Gregory Bielefeldt**, Class of '71, works for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department and is stationed in Oak Cliff near Sunset. He wrote that in his tenure there he has made some medical calls to Sunset, and on two occasions while the paramedics were talking to the patient, he looked around trying to figure out the different layout of the school. He said, "Each time a teacher would come up to me and ask, 'You used to go to this school?' I would ask them how they knew this. They said it was the bewildered look on my face that gave me away." Gregory said that everything inside the school looks different from when he was there!



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Your Alumni Association Board hopes to make this an informative newsletter that will present you with items of interest relating to Sunset past, and also news about current-day Sunset. Our goal is to help today's students, while remembering that we who went before them laid the foundation upon which their education is being built.

We welcome letters from alumni. Tell us about your years at Sunset, or your memories of the school or of Oak Cliff. Letters or articles may be edited to meet space limitations, and excerpts may be used.

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