



# NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Summer 2014

## Officers

<b>Doris Murphy</b> President	1970
<b>Joseph Contreras</b> Vice President	1999
<b>Robert Castillo</b> Secretary	1997
<b>Dixie Thomas Laney</b> Treasurer	1966

## Directors

<b>Lynn Bergoon DeWitt</b>	1950
<b>E. John Ward</b>	1962
<b>Mitch Womble</b> Co-Chair Project SOS/ Sundial CD's Project	1964
<b>Cindy Womble Billman</b> Newsletter Editor Project SOS/Historian	1967
<b>Joe Whitney</b> Project SOS	1967
<b>Donna Thompson Warner</b>	1968
<b>Janelle Chandler Bates</b> Sunset Faculty Liaison	1971
<b>Alma Valdez Rubio</b>	1983
<b>Daisy Gonzales Palomo</b>	1994
<b>Jerry Boyd</b>	1973
<b>Luis Paloma</b>	1997
<b>Jaime Contreras</b>	1999

### Members Emeritus:

**Stephany Pitt White – 1968**  
**Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik – 1969**  
**Bruce Nance – 1974**  
**Laura Schuller Lockwood - 1985**

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## in the SPOTLIGHT...



## Les STUDDARD

CLIFFORD LESLIE "LES" STUDDARD II – Class '63 - Les was born on May 12, 1945 in Dallas to Clifford Leslie Studdard and Dorothy Dean Evans, their only child. He grew up in Oak Cliff, living first at 2865 Falls Drive then on Irwindell. Les attended George Peabody, Stockard and Sunset. While at Stockard he became involved in sports that carried through to Sunset, where he was on the "B" and "A" teams both in football and baseball, as well as in the Good Scholarship Club and the Key Club. Les credits his teachers that helped form his path in life and gives great praise to his high school English teacher, Kathleen Hood, who was successful at teaching him to write and communicate effectively! After graduation from Sunset, Les spread his wings and flew to the University of Texas where he received his BA in Finance in 1968 and then his MBA in 1969. It was at UT that Les fell in love with Gloria Jean Kelley. They continued their studies and Gloria received her Master of Science in Social Work.

Les had dreamed of becoming a banker or financier but almost 20 years ago he found himself employed with the Dallas Music Hall at Fair Park, it was here that Les first met another

alumni, Michael Jenkins, Class '60 (Summer 2012 Newsletter) but 9 years ago he took over as the General Manager for the Meyerson Symphony Center. The Meyerson normally has 400+ events a year and Les keeps a hectic schedule but you can see his eyes light up when he talks about the Meyerson.

Some of the recent concerts at the Meyerson, which over the last six weeks included Smokey Robinson (without the Miracles), Neil Young (without Crosby, Stills, and Nash), and Diana Ross (without the Supremes). Les said all three were a lot of fun. They host a lot of non-DSO events, although they are proud of their primary presenter, which is their international claim to fame.

He then reflected on the Sunset Bison Band, under Jon Sarver, the director of the chorale department, who directed several of the different choruses during the Meyerson concert in May 2013 and 2014. Several members of Sunset's symphony orchestra accompanied the vocal groups. It was a talented group of students, a proud example of what Sunset High School continues to produce. And we are deeply thankful to Les, who was very instrumental in the Sunset Band & Choir performing at the Meyerson.

Les and his wife Gloria have made Flower Mound their home since 1989, they have one daughter, Kelley, who is a veterinarian and lives in Goliad, TX.

(Editor's note: I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Les as he gave me the tour of the Meyerson. I encourage everyone to attend a concert or to schedule a tour. The acoustics are amazing! I would love to add much more but space doesn't allow it, I will add that Les is a very proud and supportive Bison – thank you, Les, for your contribution to the City of Dallas and to Sunset)

# 2014 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

*All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated*

## **Diamond: \$2500+**

### **Platinum: \$1000-\$2499**

1967 Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal Co.)

### **Gold: \$500-\$999**

1952 Margaret Hopp Grassle

1967 Ronald T. Luke

1971 Don G. Weempe (Master Construction & Engineering)

1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker

### **Silver: \$250-\$499**

1955 Bobby J. Gulden

1956 William Marvin Sams

1960 Michael A. Jenkins

1962 E. John Ward

Class of 1962

1969 Tav Walraven

1971 Cynthia Rambo Mitchell

### **Century Club: \$100-\$249**

1940 Dorothy Lamb Carter

1943 Raymond D. Philley

1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan

1946 Joan Reinhardt Phipps

1947 Sallie Inez Clements Baser

1948 Charlie B. Morton

1949 F. Clark Williams

1949 Peggy Ann Thompson Lerner

1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt

1950 Gordon Rea

1954 Nancy Stell Gruber

1954 Alva Stinson

1954 Thad Woodruff

1955 James Rutledge

1957 Donald Ray Burden

1958 Bill Melton

1958 Maxine Patton Burden

1958 Robert M. Richards

1958 Carol Gray Wakeham Honza

1960 Kenneth Ray Johnson

1961 Claude Brockman Prestidge, M.D.

1960 Lyndy Santerre

1961 Ruth Kelley Hoffman

1964 John M. Hardy

1964 Mitch Womble

1966 Bob Mayo

1966 Karen Ratliff Pearce Smith

1967 Ralph Kelly Coker

1967 Mark G. Snyder, CPA

1967 Cindy Womble Billman

1968 Stephany Pitt White

1968 Alice Turpin Brandhorst

1974 Gail Neal Harris

1974 William Bruce Nance

1991 Joe C. Whitney

### **Memory Gifts**

Johnnie Cartwright Pearce Ratliff - Class of 1931

by

Karen Ratliff Pearce Smith - Class of 1966

In honor of her mother for the SOS Historical Project

### **Corporate Sponsors**

Peggy West Properties

Peggy Starling West - Class of 1957

Delmar Disposal

Buddy Ham - Class of 1967

Lucas Street Antiques & Art Gallery

Tav Walraven - Class of 1969

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Elizabeth (Beth) Robertson - Class of 1970

Master Construction & Engineering

Don Weempe - Class of 1971

Velasco Fast Income Tax

William Velasco - Class of 1972

## Mission Statement

We exist to preserve Sunset's place as a significant educational and social place in northern and western Oak Cliff while recognizing achievements through its students, graduates, faculty and staff.

We promote an ongoing interest in Sunset High School as one of Dallas's important institutions and recognize and support the historic significance through its students, graduates and physical facilities.

We exist to ensure a continuing place of public education for the people of Dallas, particularly in northern and western Oak Cliff and an ongoing pride in attendance at Sunset High School to celebrate its place in the growth of Dallas.

We continue to preserve and ensure ongoing academic, social and athletic opportunities while developing funding for scholarships and unique co-curricular activities.

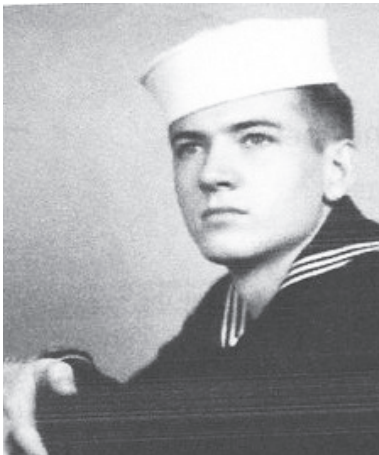


Alumni,

If you are a former Sunset student, that means you are already a member of the Bison team! Your Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit and supported entirely by volunteers.

After covering our newsletter postage and email service costs, your generous donations go back to supporting the students, faculty and school through grants each year. We would not be successful without your continued support. Please visit our 'HOW TO HELP' pages to find out how you can support your Alumni Association!

## World War II Memoriam



James "Jimmy" Stalter  
Class of 1942

### JAMES ALLEN "JIMMY" STALTER

Class '42 – b. June 9, 1925 in Indiana to Allen Franklin and Lucille Butler Stalter. Seaman 2nd Class Jimmy Stalter died on February 26, 1944 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. It is not known the cause of his death. While attending Sunset, Jimmy lived at 1419 Montreal with his parents and kid brother. Jimmy was President of the HI-B Class,

Junior HI-Y, member of the Student Council, Good Scholarship Club, Archery and Fencing Club. Jimmy's younger brother was William Butler Stalter that graduated from Sunset in 1949. Jimmy's final resting place is at Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park where his parents are also buried. He is memorialized on FindaGrave.com Memorial #89620445.

**Kudos**  
TO LET YOU KNOW U ROCK!

When Sunset's ROTC commander CTL Lemons needed financial help to hold their required annual formal event, we had generous alumni who stepped up and helped out with targeted donations. We appreciate each and every one of you and so does CTL Lemons. Your support made this event a success! Bison Spirit at work!

#### Special thanks to the following alumni:

**Dixie Thomas Laney,**  
Class of 1966 & ROTC Sweetheart

**Danny Wagner,**  
Class of 1967

**Buddy Hamm,**  
Class of 1967

**Luis Vargas,**  
Class of 2000 and ex-ROTC Cadet  
donated his DJ services for the evening.



#### We would like to welcome our newest volunteers:

**Warren Johnson, Class '73** - he will be the chairperson that is heading up the State Historical Designation Committee. Warren was also on the S.O.S. Project and is very familiar with the historic designation process.

**Treasa Cope-Goodman, Class '73** - who will assist Warren.

## Become a Board Member Or Volunteer



We are in need of the following:

**EVENTS COORDINATOR** – organize, plan and implement events for Mix & Mingle, annual all class events & fund raisers

**MARKETING SPECIALIST** – effectively market activities in coordination with the Events Coordinator

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER (artist)** – design artwork for t-shirts, ball caps, etc (this can be done from your home)

**COMPUTER DATA** – Keep database updated (this can be done from your home)

Please email us at [sunsetbisons@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetbisons@gmail.com) if you are interested

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014



2014 marks Lake Cliff Park's 100th anniversary in the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. Join us for an outdoor movie, food, entertainment, and more, as we celebrate the last hundred years and look forward to the next hundred.

Event details to follow soon.  
The SHSAA will have a booth -  
come out and join the nostalgia and the fun!



# Gathering of the



## HERD

### Reunions

#### Class '64 – 50th REUNION

Will be held from Oct. 17th thru the 19th, 2014. There will be a golf tournament on Friday morning starting at 9:00am, followed by a mixer/dinner at La Calle Doce on 12th St. On Saturday, we will have a school tour from 12:00pm - 1:30pm, followed by a lunch at Babb's Bar BQ on Singleton Ave. in West Dallas from 2:00pm thru 6:00pm, or later. And, on Sunday we will have a brunch at "The Angry Dog" in Deep Ellum beginning at 11:00am. For more information contact Mary Ashworth Phillips (817) 366-6667.

#### The Class of '69 gathered at the Hilton Anatole for dinner...



#### Class '88 Reunion, Classes ' 80 thru '89

The event will take place on 9/27/14. The Loft @ Gilley's Dallas 7:00pm - 12:00am

\$30 single ticket \$50 per Couple

All Payments must be received by August 29th!

Email [sunsetbisons88@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetbisons88@gmail.com) for more information

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NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR

Reunion Dance on 9/27/14 and it is OPEN for ALL classes of the 80's. For more info go to [www.sunsetbisons88@gmail.com](http://www.sunsetbisons88@gmail.com)

#### 1951-1952 Sunset Bison & Friends Cruise Group -

April 26, 2015 to May 3, 2015

Royal's Navigator of the Seas on a 7 night roundtrip from Galveston. The Navigator will be sailing roundtrip April 26, 2015 from Galveston, to Falmouth, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico, returning to Galveston May 3, 2015. Passports are needed.

Please go to link <http://www.sunsetalumni.com/2015---cruise.html> for more information

#### Class of '74 - 40th Reunion

Saturday, September 20, 2014

For more info visit [www.sunset74.com](http://www.sunset74.com)

#### All Alumni Mix and Mingle

Date: Saturday - July 26, 2014

Time: 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Babb Brothers BBQ & Blues - 303 Bedford St

#### All Alumni Mix and Mingle

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 P.M.

Where: El Fenix - 120 E Colorado Blvd, Oak Cliff

#### All Alumni Mix and Mingle

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Charco-Broiler – 413 W Jefferson Blvd, Oak Cliff



The 2014 Ivan Greenhaw Scholarship was presented on May 29, 2014 by SHSAA Co-Founder, Lynn Bergoorn DeWitt, Class of 1950. This year's winner was Sandra Martinez. Sandra, a four-year soccer player was also an outstanding student where she took a variety of advanced placement coursework. Over her high school years, Sandra was also active in other student/school activities. She plans to attend college in the fall.

Each year the Ivan Greenhaw scholarship is awarded to recognize an outstanding scholar/athlete and is proudly given in memory of Ivan Greenhaw by his family. Let's all toast this fantastic Bison who will no doubt do us proud!

## BELOVED SUNSET PRINCIPAL HAROLD JAMES FILGO



Mr. Harold J. Filgo,  
Sunset Principal  
(1968-1980)

Mr. Filgo was born August 19, 1919, in Lancaster, TX and was one of the longest serving principals at Sunset from 1968 to 1980. He passed away peacefully on Friday, May 30, 2014, in Dallas. Mr. Filgo graduated from Dawson High School in Dawson, TX, in 1936 and went on to earn a bachelors degree from Baylor University and a masters degree in education and administration from Southern Methodist University. He joined the U.S. Air

Force in 1942 and proudly served until 1947, when he retired as a Major. During his service in World War II, he ferried airplanes and also flew 68 missions across the notorious India to China airlift known as the "Hump". For his service, he received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following an early career in teaching and coaching in Grape-land and Lancaster, he served in educational and administrative roles in DISD for almost 30 years. He taught mathematics at South Oak Cliff High School, and served as Principal of Rosemont Elementary, Thomas J. Rusk Jr. High, Sunset and W.W. Samuell High Schools. He was a proud leader whose enthusiasm for his students and fellow faculty members created lasting memories and relationships. During his tenure at Sunset and Samuel High Schools, he was a member and president of both the Oak Cliff and Pleasant Grove Rotary Clubs. After retirement from DISD in 1983, Harold continued his lifelong passion for raising livestock. Some of his favorite times were spent feeding his cattle and horses and watching his beloved cutting horses compete. He was a faithful member and lay-leader of Preston Hollow United Methodist Church, where he will be remembered for his tireless dedication and his warm greetings.

And true to form, Mr. Filgo attended the Open House last year sporting his purple tie!

## Roaming *of the*



## HERD



### CLASS OF 1926

The first graduating class at Sunset

Honoring Athalene (Burch) Skeeter  
1908 - 2014  
Age 106 years

past, present  
always...  
we will remain  
**BISONS**



## Ways to Help

Don't forget that every time you shop at Tom Thumb, Albertsons and Kroger a percentage of your grocery purchases can go to the SHSAA.

For more information go to our website under "How to Help" – "Free Ways to Help" or email: [sunsetbisons@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetbisons@gmail.com)





## Bisons In the News...

### A Bison Love Affair

Raymond Artemas Lancaster and Dana Louise Campbell were high school sweethearts and graduated from the June 1956 class and married shortly afterwards.

They were married for 45 years until Dana's passing in 2001. Ray joined his beloved Dana this past April. Ray and Dana are another example of what Sunset offers, not just a quality education but sometimes you get a lifetime partner!



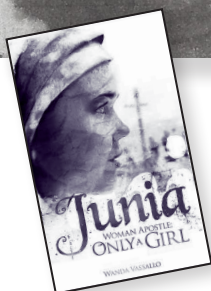
Congratulations to **Mike Morgan**, Class '69 and **Teresa Lanier**, Class 70 - they just celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss on May 29, 2014!

(Please send milestone anniversaries, birthdays or even a Bison love affair to [newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter@gmail.com))

### Authors Amongst Us

Class '47 - Wanda Jo Ballard Vassallo. Her first novel "Junia: Woman Apostle: Only a Girl" was written in 1990 but there was not a lot of interest in Biblical fiction. It would be another 23 years before

the book was published. Wanda plans on having a series of Biblical women. We wish her the very best!



**Alumni, it's grant time!** Every donation dollar counts and our teachers need your help. In 2013, your Alumni Association gave back more than \$10K to our teachers and school by providing much needed equipment and supplies. If you have a particular school interest group that you want to earmark your donation for, just notate on the form or with a memo in PayPal. Ex. Library, Band, Football, Bisonettes, etc. and easily done by going to our website: [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)

## PROJECT S.O.S

SAVE OUR SUNSET

It is with great pride that we are pleased to announce that on May 28, 2014 at 3:45 p.m., the Dallas City Council voted unanimously to make this beloved high school a historic building. A Dedication Ceremony will be planned for the fall of 2015 in conjunction with Sunset's 90th birthday.

We will be forming a committee that will continue the Project S.O.S. in obtaining the State Historical Designation. If you would like to volunteer please email us at [sunsetbisons@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetbisons@gmail.com)

Join us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/#!/groups/171636919146/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/171636919146/) or visit our website [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com) for more up to the minute news!

## Sunset Alumni Association Contribution/Contact Info Update

Your annual contributions is 501 (c)(3) Tax Deductible and our only source of funding

Contribution year is January 1st to December 31st

This is a: ☐ New Contribution ☐ Renewal ☐ Current Member Info Update

### Annual Membership Contribution (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership.....\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level.....\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Membership.....\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level.....\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Membership*.....\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Level.....\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount.....\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level.....\$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to contribute at this time, but please add my name to the Sunset Alumni database.	

\* If both are Sunset Alumni, please complete separate forms

A reminder, many employers will match employee contributions 100% and especially to an educational organization.  
Just check with your Human Resources/Personnel Dept.

Donations can also be made using **PayPal** on our website at [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)

**FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY:** (Check One) Member information ..... SAME ..... CHANGED

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden/Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse SHS Grad? ☐ If Yes, Year? \_\_\_\_\_

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May we send you Alumni newsletters by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Make checks payable to Sunset Alumni Association **(Please do not send cash)**

Mail completed form to:

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## In Memoriam

The following are names of Alumni whose deaths have occurred since our last newsletter or of whose deaths we were made aware of since the last newsletter. If the graduation year is not known, it is shown as "est".

If anyone knows of the correct year, please contact the Editor at [newsletter@sunsetalumni.com](mailto:newsletter@sunsetalumni.com).

For a complete list of Departed Bison, please visit our website at [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)

Class '26 – Athalene (Burch) Skeeter  
Class '34 – Betty Ann (McHenry) Hulcy  
Class '36 – Byron Adolphus "Beans" Bates, Jr  
Class '38 – Sara Kathryn (Kaufman) Kellow  
Class '38 – Wanda Lee (Casebier) Robbins  
Class '38 – Leta "Fritzi" (Biggio) Lewis  
Class '39 – Doris Elizabeth (Miller) Sandusky  
Class '40 – John Raymond Childress  
Class '40 – Teanie (Reed) Brownfield Price  
Class '41 – William C. "Bill" Smith  
Class '41 – Joseph William Elkington, Jr  
Class '41 – Carl E. Booker  
Class '42 – Boyce Fowler  
Class '43 – Eva Lynn (Mathews) Reid  
Class '46 – Dorothy Elaine (Ingels) South  
Class '46 – Eugene Nelson "Gene" Stansell

Class '47 – Allen Steger Mathews  
Class '47 – Sybil (Kelly) Daffron  
Class '47 – John David Daigh  
Class '48 – William Robert "Bill" Beverley  
Class '48 – Faye Renelle (Tomlinson) Hoehn  
Class '49 – Charles "Porky" Leatherwood  
Class '50 – Donald Ray Green  
Class '50 – Martha (Stafford) Wright Jones  
Class '50 – Polly (Harris) Riley  
Class '51 – Albert Frederick Siegfried  
Class '51 – Milton Allan Coursey  
Class '52 – Clifford Donald Falkner  
Class '52 – Edward Allen Davis  
Class '53 – Stockton Frederick Briggie  
Class '54 – Phillip Michael "Mike" Bray  
Class '54 – Everett DeWitt

Class '55 – Carol Diane (Stogner) Crowley  
Class '55 – Donald Laverne Abercombie  
Class '56 – Raymond Artemus Lancaster, Jr  
Class '57 – Michael Franklin Tharp  
Class '57 – Sandra Lee "Sandi" (Francis) Dempsey  
Class '57 – Sherry Beth (Leinbach) Reid  
Class '59 – Susan "Sue" (Brown) Mahaney  
Class '67 – Gail (Braden) Goodwin  
Class '68 – Robert William Ellison, Jr  
Class '71 – Michael "Mike" Banda  
Class '72 – Anna "Chris" (Christie) Stuart  
Class '76- Charles E. (Charlie) Tubby  
Harold James Filgo - Principal

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.



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*Supporting Sunset Students is Our Mission*

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Check us out at  
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### *Summer 2014 Bison Spirit Newsletter*

## Editorial Policy...

Have an article for the newsletter?

Send it to: [Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter@gmail.com) We will not publish phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses without permission.

Your continued financial support is needed and appreciated by the Alumni Association, students and faculty.



## Sunset is Going Green!

If you have an email please visit our website [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com) Click on "About Us" for the drop down and then click "Contact Us" and then click "Add to Email List". With rising costs of postage, printing, etc. we need to find ways of reducing our expenses. Also, with email you will receive it sooner. And remember, if your email or address changes, please let us know.

## **sunset knowledge**

Sunset Bison Football Team played their first season in 1926 and had the outstanding honor of not having won a single game. Captain of this first team was Archer "Runt" McDowell, Class '26 (Archer's daughter, Joy McDowell Lyles graduated from Sunset in 1947).

<b>Sunset – 0</b>	<b>Highland Park – 20</b>
<b>Sunset – 6</b>	<b>Polytech (Ft Worth) – 7</b>
<b>Sunset – 0</b>	<b>Central High (Ft Worth) – 34</b>
<b>Sunset – 0</b>	<b>Bryan – 7</b>
<b>Sunset – 6</b>	<b>Forest – 25</b>
<b>Sunset – 7</b>	<b>North Side (Ft Worth) – 14</b>
<b>Sunset – 0</b>	<b>Oak Cliff (Adamson) -48</b>
<b>Sunset – 7</b>	<b>North Dallas – 34</b>

**Thought you would like to know!**

**Alumni Website**  
[www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)