My father Edward M. Griffith and his twin brother Edwin T. Griffith were born in 1907 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Col. George B. Griffith and Fannie S. Griffith. The twins were two of fourteen children. The family moved frequently and their final move was to Oak Cliff in early 1900’s where they bought a home on Canterbury Court in Kessler Park in 1923.

The twins attended Oak Cliff High School (W.H. Adamson) two and a half years then Sunset when it opened in the Fall of 1925. W.H. Adamson, Principal of O.C.H.S. chose students with surnames of the first half of the alphabet and told them to report to Sunset that afternoon. Some students walked and others took the Jefferson streetcar to The Boundary, (Jefferson and Marlborough Streets) and walked in the cold to Sunset. Principal W.H. Adamson was the first Principal of Sunset and finished out the year as Principal of O.C. H. S.

My father Edward and uncle Edwin graduated in June, 1927 from Sunset after playing football on the first BISON team. The teams of the first years won many trophies in all sports to start a great BISON tradition!

Our family boasts over 300 cousins many Sunset graduates or children of Sunset graduates.

BISON proud,
Edward M. Griffith, Jr.
An ole BISON, Class of 1960
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

PFC Harvey Harrison Tilford Jr.
Class of 1943

Harrison was born on February 8, 1926 in Dallas, TX and the only child of Harvey H. Tilford and Nell Ethel Ray. He was living at 1302 Hollywood while attending Sunset where he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Regimental Staff in the R.O.T.C, Dallas Camp, Officers Club, El Sol and the Ice Skating Club. PFC Tilford joined the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after high school. In 1945, PFC Tilford was “killed in action” during the battle for the island of Iwo Jima as a member of the 21st Marine Regiment. PFC Tilford was laid to rest at Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas, TX near his parents.

Or sincere appreciation to Ron Harris Class ’56 for his continued dedication to preserving the memory and service of our WWII Sunset Boys!

Catching Up

Thanks for the recent newsletter, you are truly doing a fabulous job and I want to thank you for your dedication! Reading the newsletter is like being a Bison all over again for me and my classmates.

My husband was an earlier Adamson grad and we met when I went to work for Texas & Pacific Railroad in downtown Dallas. He worked in the rate department for the Auditor of Revenues while I was in a stenographic pool upstairs. We met returning or delivering his mail. He finally invited me to go to our alma maters’ annual basketball game--and that was after he played in a company basketball game. It was a real test, but not bad when you’re enjoying a new adventure. We married in 1955 and are fortunate to still be “dating” 58 years, 5 children and 3 grandchildren later! We are expecting our first great-grandchild soon. We thank God for all his blessings.

Thank you for letting me share.
Shirley (Tyra) Palmer, 1952
**Reunions**

- **Class of 1963, 50th Reunion**
  October 11-13, 2013
  www.sunsetbison63.com

- **Class of 1973, 40th Reunion**
  September 21, 2013

- **Class of 1954, 60th Reunion**
  April 26, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  El Fenix, McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX
  Contact: Thad Woodruff at 281.556.5563
  or woodrufftj@aol.com

**Mixers**

- **Class of 1969**
  Saturday, October 19, 2013, 7pm
  Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum
  For complete details go to: www.sunsetclassof69.com

**Lunches**

- **Classes of the 1930’s and 1940’s**
  2nd Monday lunch bunch
  Where: El Fenix in Oakcliff
  Time: 11a.m.
  Contact: Cornelia Chancellor Spencer at: (214) 339-9671

- **Classes of 1938 - 1945**
  Last Saturday of the month
  Where: Celebration Restaurant
  4303 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75208
  Contact: Naoma Crisp Rozelle ‘42, 972-234-8189

- **Class of the 50’s and 60’s**
  Yearly Meeting & Golf Scramble
  Where: Midway Point (Midway & LBJ)
  Contact: Mike Dunn at dunnjwc@hotmail.com

**Cruises**

- **1951-1952 Sunset Bison & Friends Cruise Group**
  April 5, 2014 to April 12, 2014
  Contact: Ed Garliardo at: 972-276-2080
  or 800-949-6638

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**Gathering of the HERD**

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**Movies**

**The Original High School Musical Is Back!**

**Grease SING-A-LONG**

- **Where:** Historic Texas Theater in Beautiful Downtown Oak Cliff
- **Date:** Saturday, September 28, 2013
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** $10 per person if paid in advance on our website
  $15 at the door

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Roaming of the HERD

Nannette Reese, Class of ‘43

Bison Hello from New Jersey!
Nannette Reese, ‘43 was President of National Thespian Society, VP National Honor Society and Good Scholarship Club, Secretary of Pen Pals, French, Dramatic and Speakers Clubs, involved in Chorus and Student Council, received the Linz Pin and performed in the Senior Play and Senior Day skit. So at 86, it should come as no surprise to hear she enjoys playing piano for a singing group, vesper services and the like. She also enjoys orchestra, chamber music, opera and ballet in Philadelphia which is close by but she remembers her Sunset days and Bison friends very fondly.

Some of her Bison buddies were Marian Bucklin, Marion Gauldin, Anita Golman, Lina Allen Briggs, Billy Huckaby, and Monte Huckaby for starters.

She and her husband lived in Detroit for a while and then two years in Boston while her husband finished Harvard Law School. Nannette takes pride in her two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

Nannette says she is still active and lives in a beautiful retirement community which is Quaker-related and full of gorgeous flowers and trees and a huge arboretum.

If any of her Bison friends would like to contact Nannette, her address is 296 Medford Leas Medford, New Jersey 08055-2245 Email: Nannettehanslowe@yahoo.com

And if you are really adventurous, Nannette also has a Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/nannette.hanslowe

Thanks for including me on your mailing list. I do appreciate it very much. Go Bison!

Ways to Help

Don’t forget that every time you shop at Tom Thumb, Albertson’s and Kroger a percentage of your grocery purchases will go to the SHSAA.

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Martha Power Wallace, Class ’49 passed away on June 26, 2013 – her husband, of almost 54 years, David Wallace passed away the day before on June 25, 2013. How ironic and somehow appropriate that they should want to continue to be together.

Paul James Mansfield, Class ’47 passed away on June 8, 2013 was once married to the former blonde bombshell and Hollywood starlet, Jayne Mansfield.

Which Dallas ISD high schools had the biggest academic gains? Woodrow Wilson and Sunset high schools made the biggest gains on STAAR end-of-course exams in comparison to other non-magnet Dallas ISD campuses.

In assessing passing rates in reading I, writing I, algebra I, biology and world geography, Woodrow gained 49.4 (cumulative) points. Sunset High School came in second with a gain of 26.5 points, followed by Bryan Adams High School with a 23.4 gain.

Marjorie Fay Gulick Ross, Class of 1952 reports: We have been married for 58 years....have 4 children, 3 girls, 1 boy and also have 12 grandchildren with 27 great grands...and as you see we now have a dynasty!

In 1934 the federal government’s Public Works Administration Art Project commissioned a number of murals in public buildings in Dallas. Among them were two murals in Sunset High School, painted by artist Granville Bruce. Though originally located in a 3rd floor hallway, they became important features in the school library when that space was expanded.

About the artist:
Granville Bruce will forever be known for his depictions of Texas’s natural history, landscapes and varied architecture. Though not a Texas native, he was smitten with the state, saying in 1982, “I love this state. I just love to record historic things in it. I love its history, scenery, and people.”

Bruce was born in Grand Island, Nebraska and was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There, he attended the Layton School of Art. Bruce later studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. He moved to Texas in 1924, settling in San Antonio.

In the 1930s, Bruce began painting diorama backgrounds for the Dallas Museum of Natural History and became the museum’s staff artist.

Granville Bruce’s atmospheric and evocative depictions of Texas’s rugged terrain, vibrant history and distinctive inhabitants made a lasting and significant impact on the history of Texas painting.

The Dallas Museum of Natural History hosted Bruce’s last exhibition in 1982. He died in 1989.
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Class ’39 Harvey R. Herbst
Class ’40 Thomas Matthew Lamberth, Jr
Class ’42 Marilyn (Park) Blakeney (corrected class year)
Class ’43 Kenneth Dean Blackburn
Class ’43 Nannie Lou (Purnell) Huguley
Class ’43 James Southerland Wallis
Class ’44 Gloria Elizabeth (Turquette) Brydon
Class ’45 Donna Ruth (Gillett) Lindsey
Class ’47 Betty (Ford) Marsh
Class ’47 Paul James Mansfield
Class ’48 Grace Elaine (Moomaw) Dugas
Class ’48 Mary Ann (King) Butler
Class ’48 Sonja Charlene Glossup Farr
Class ’49 Bennie Standifer
Class ’49 Martha Elizabeth (Power) Wallace
Class ’50 Gene McDonald
Class ’51 J. Marvin Sexton
Class ’51 Anita Kaye (Bishop) Ciarodo
Class ’53 Karl Howard Snodgrass
Class ’53 Mayme Scott Tomlin
Class ’55 Billye Rae (Funk) Stone
Class ’61 Norman Lee Pender
Class ’62 Robert Allen “Butch” Packer
Class ’64 Connie Lynn (Bush) Johnson
Class ’65 Richard Donald “Don” Aubrey
Class ’65 Maryann (Cariotis) Tatakis
Class ’69 David Tankersley
Class ’72 Judy (Reese) Sallee
Class ’94 Carmen Ortega
Class ’97 Javier Dominguez

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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