



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Winter 2014

Officers

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

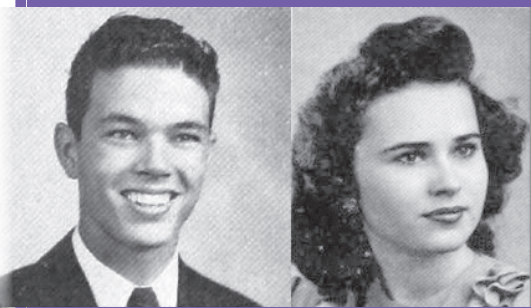
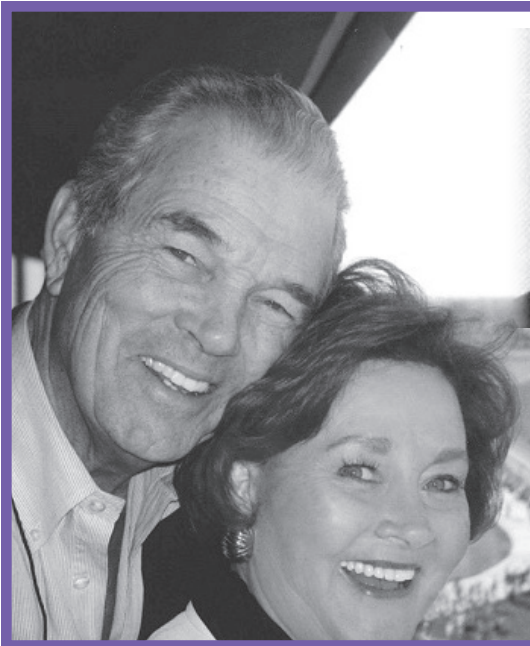
Directors

Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1950
E. John Ward	1962
Mitch Womble Co-Chair Project SOS/ Sundial CD's Project	1964
Joe Whitney Project SOS	1967
Donna Thompson Warner	1968
Janelle Chandler Bates Sunset Faculty Liaison	1971
Daisy Gonzales Palomo	1994
Jerry Boyd	1973
Luis Paloma	1997
Jaime Contreras	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...
Robert Skillern FOLSOM

Robert Skillern Folsom, Class of 1944 was born February 15, 1927 in Dallas, TX to John Vest Folsom and Zula Skillern. He grew up in Oak Cliff and lived at 1518 W. Colorado Blvd. His older and only brother, John Vest Folsom, Jr., Class of 1941 was killed in December 1944 in a non-combat flying accident. (See WWII Memoriam for details).

Bob or Bobby as he was known in high school began a long and prestigious career that started at Sunset High School. He lettered in 4 different sports, was Lt. Colonel in the R.O.T.C.; Best Company Commander, Secretary of Officers Club, Student Council and Junior Class President.

Bob credits his teachers at Sunset who helped mold his character and his coaches who made him a true student athlete. His fledgling wings would take him from Sunset High School to Southern Methodist University where his athletic abilities were further honed and he was offered \$5,000 to sign with the Green Bay Packers. But the astute Bob, turned down the opportunity to play Pro Football and went into business. He would later form

Folsom Properties which built shopping centers, office buildings, etc. His success and leadership did not go unnoticed and Bob would continue to receive a multitude of distinguished honors. His most recognized accomplishment by the public was as Mayor of Dallas from 1976 to 1981, and he was a driving force in the development of Reunion Arena. But through all of his accomplishments his "silent" partner was his wife, the beautiful Margaret Monnette Dalton, a force in her own right also graduated in 1944 as Secretary of her Senior Class, Most Popular Senior Girl, Cheerleader, National Honor Society and Student Council. Together they would raise four children.

We have only touched on the highlights of the legacy of the Folsom's because space does not allow for all of their accomplishments, achievements and unselfish contributions.

We thank Bill Melton, Class of 1958 for allowing us to use and edit portions of his report on Robert Folsom from a few years ago.

Note: Margaret Folsom passed away December 2, 2013

2013 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Diamond: \$2500+

1967 Joe Whitney
The Folsom Foundation

Platinum: \$1000-\$2499

1967 Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal Co.)
Harold A. Ginsburg
Longhorn Building Materials, Inc.
Dan & Martha Beard Foundation

Gold: \$500-\$999

1953 Joe Brooks	1970 Elizabeth (Beth) Robertson
1957 J. Scott Holyfield	1971 Don Weempe
1966 Dixie Thomas Laney	1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker
1967 Ron Luke	Trinity Hardwood Distributors, Inc.
1970 Doris L. Murphy	

Silver: \$250-\$499

1966 Dixie Thomas Laney
1967 Joe Whitney
1970 Doris L. Murphy
"OC Sistas"

Century Club: \$100-\$249

1943 John R. Adcock	1964 Mary Ashworth Phillips
1943 Raymond Philley	1964 Carol Lynn Burns Mason
1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan	1964 John M. Hardy
1946 John E. Eisenlohr, M.D.	1964 Kay L. Robinson Miller
1946 Nancy Moore Marwill	1965 Barry Hutcheson
1947 James Brumit	1965 Pam Newnam Williams
1948 Charlie Buddy Morton	1965 Thomas J. Palmer
1949 F. Clark Williams	1966 John W. Robertson
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1967 Kathy Knott Manzoor
1955 Eleanor Robertson Rogers	1967 Cindy Womble Billman
1958 John Dodd	1968 Clifton Crabtree
1958 Bill Melton	1968 Kathy Kempher Lee
1959 Robert G. Bluethman	1968 Marsha Thigpen Brown
1959 Evelyn Hicks Darden	1968 Donna Thompson Warner
1959 Jean Ann Park Remley	1969 James Hinton
1960 Mike Dunn	1969 Suzi Kimmel Dunn
1960 Kenneth Ray Johnson	1970 Trisha Sherman Coleman
1960 Joe B. Long	1971 Janelle Chandler Bates
1960 Lyndy Santerre	1973 Treasa Cope-Goodman
1961 Steve Bonner	1973 Richard Sullivan
1961 Rick Sikes	1975 Paul M. Barnes
1961 William E. Roten	1978 Roxanne Gragg Kujanson
1961 Mary K. Wiese Wallace	1985 Jay Barrientos
1961 E. John Ward	

Memory Gifts

Donald Clark Minnis, 1947 by Albert Glenn Wamble, 1947; Friends for 77 years
Ron DeFate, 1969 by Kathy Kemper Lee, 1969
Carolyn Estep, 1968 by Donna Johnson Warner, 1968
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Carolyn Estep, 1968 by Donna Thompson Johnson, 1968
In Honor Of Yvonne Fritz, 1953 by Bill Gorman, 1953

Corporate Sponsors

Dallas Summer Musicals
President, Michael A. Jenkins, Class of 1960
Morton H. Meyerson
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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



John Vest Folsom, Jr.

John Vest Folsom Jr. Class of 1941

“Johnny” was born on July 20, 1924 in Dallas, TX to John Vest Folsom, Sr. and Zula Skillern, their first child and older brother to “Bobby” Folsom, Class of 1944. He grew up in Oak Cliff and resided at 1518 W. Colorado Blvd. While at Sunset he was elected Sophomore Class President, member of the

National Honor Society, Junior Red Cross, Hi-Y, Honor Roll and Camp Dallas. After graduation, Johnny attended Southern Methodist University before entering the service. He trained as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps and after he earned his “Wings”, he was commissioned as an officer. 2nd Lt. Folsom would tragically die in a non-combat accident in a P-70A aircraft (Black Widow) on December 6, 1944 in Monterrey, California. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations at the time of his death. No Missing Air Crew Report or Aircraft Serial Number could be found. 2nd Lt Folsom’s final resting place is at the Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park Garden Mausoleum in Dallas, TX.

NOTE: The Folsoms’ mother, Zula Skillern, was the daughter of the Skillern’s Drug Store founder and graduated from the old Oak Cliff High School and SMU. Our sincere appreciation to Ron Harris, Class of 1956 for his continued dedication to preserving the memory of our WWII Sunset boys!

THE SUNSET ALUMNI BOARD

Thanks You!

The Sunset Alumni Board would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations of wonderful food and/or gift cards for our Open House in September. We sincerely appreciate your Oak Cliff community support!

**Bolsa
Crecia’s
El Fenix
Eno’s
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Nova**

**Oddfellows
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Tom Thumb
Vera Cruz Café
Victoria’s**



AND THE 2013 BISON SPIRIT AWARD GOES TO...



Debbie Folsom Jarma, Diane Folsom Frank and Steve Folsom stand before plaques at Sunset High School, including a new one honoring their parents. (Lety Rabon Woods, Alumni Photographer)

On November 15, 2013 in addition to the grants presentation to Sunset teachers, the Alumni Association also recognized Robert S. Folsom and the late Margaret Dalton Folsom for their “achievements, dedication to and support to” Sunset and the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association presented the Bob & Margaret Folsom with the 2013 Bison Spirit Award. Their children, Debbie Folsom Jarma, Diane Folsom Frank and Steve Folsom were there to accept on their behalf. The bronze plaque was dedicated to the school and is displayed next to the WWII Memorial plaque.

Gathering of the



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Reunions

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

Class of 1969, 45th Reunion

June 28-29, 2014

More Details to Follow

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

REMEMBER THAT
THE MOST VALUABLE
ANTIQUES
ARE DEAR OLD
FRIENDS

2013

GRANTS & THANK YOU'S

This year the Sunset Alumni Association distributed grants totaling more than \$11,500.00 back to Sunset's teachers. These grants purchased much needed books for the library, business equipment for the classrooms as well as the offices, sports equipment, art supplies, competition entrance fees, transportation to competitions, new softball helmets for the Lady Bison baseball team and much more. The Alumni Association received a sponsor donation from Longhorn Building & Materials, Inc. of Oak Cliff to fully cover the new Lady Bison Basketball warm ups. We also received donations from several anonymous donors as well as the Folsom Foundation. The alumni board is grateful for their support.

"We received the bus passes this past Thursday. Thank you so much for ordering them and getting them for us. We really appreciate all you do for our students and the Counseling Office."

—Connie White, Counselor

"Thank you so much for giving us the grant. We are very blessed to have alumni that care so deeply about Sunset and the students and staff. I hope our students will be as supportive when they become Sunset alumni. Sunset Alumni Rocks!"

—Michelle McCutcheon, Librarian

"The Sunset High School Reconnect lab received a huge boon today! I'm so thankful for the generosity of our former students. Their loyalty to their high school is making a difference for students who follow in their footsteps."

Sunset Bison truly foster spirit, knowledge and friendship across our generations! Please accept my thanks on behalf of all Sunset Reconnect Students. Your gift is perfect for us."

—Marsha A. Smith

"I received the helmets today for the girls' softball team. Once again I want to say thank you very much!"

—Virginia Brenes-Barnhill

"On behalf of myself and the AVID students, thank you so much for the grant. Many of our students have not visited a college campus. Helping with this endeavor will be an encouragement to pursue their dreams of success."

—Ramona LaGrone, AVID Coordinator

"Dear SHS Alumni Association, Thank you so much for the honor of receiving a grant. I am grateful for your support in setting up the Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness program as I began the year with nothing in the lab. The equipment has been a huge help."

—Amy Killian

"Thank YOU for the new warm ups for the Lady Bison Basketball team!"

—Coach Kelan Jones

"I received my first shipment of books! Thank you SOOOO much!!! We are so grateful for the Alumni Association!"

—Angela Williams-McGill, Counselor

"Thank you so much. I received 100 sketchbooks very promptly. Sunset Alumni are the greatest!"

—Ms. Priscilla Goergen, Art teacher

Roaming *of the*

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A NEW BO

2013 Homecoming Weekend

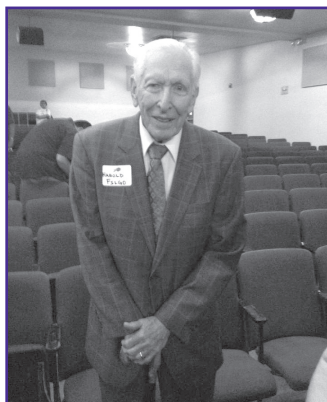


Danny Wagner, Class of 1967
Pam Newnam Williams, Class of 1965

Friday, September 27, 2013, Alumni Band members were invited to play in the homecoming game during halftime. Members were recognized by class year. Prior to the game, the Band booster club fed the entire band and

alumni band.

On Saturday morning, alumni mingled and munched in the lunchroom and then went on to the auditorium where the band, cheerleaders and Bisonettes welcomed them with music and energy. In addition to the current principal, Dr. Luz Martinez, several past principals were also in attendance: Silvia Lopez (2001-2004), Anthony Tovar (2006-2013) and Harold J. Filgo (1968-1980). Mr. Filgo, 94, received "rock star" attention with so many of his former students waiting to get their picture taken with him.



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

A brand new, grand new Bo Bison was presented to Sunset by the class of 1972 during the Open House in September 2013. The Bo project was spearheaded by Tim Wagner, who took the challenge from a Facebook group post about the sad state of the existing mascots. After talking with his fellow 1972 class members, Wagner secured the huge and grand Bo and made all the arrangements with Flagg Taxidermy to make him even grander! The Alumni Board recognizes the Class of 1972 for their unwavering Bison Spirit. Special acknowledgement and thanks to Flagg Taxidermy (Edward & Mari Juarez) for donating their professional services to this effort because as Mari said, "Anything for Sunset" and also because their daughter, Veronica Juarez Reyes is a 1991 Sunset graduate. The Alumni Board recognizes the Class of 1972 and Flagg Taxidermy as a true Bison Backers. We appreciate their continued Bison Spirit!

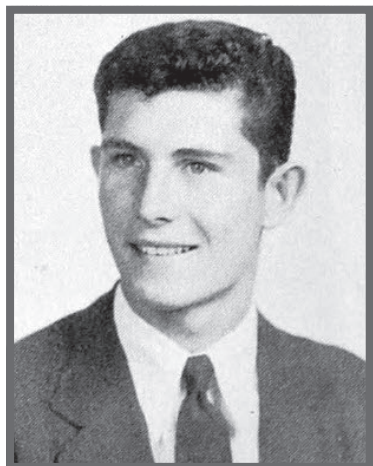
Ways to Help

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



Bison In the News...



Cullen Blaine (Cullen Blaine Houghtaling), has been a very successful director-producer-writer of children's animation shows, direct-to-video and animated feature films, as well as hundreds of television commercials for some of the top products in the U.S. and Britain. He has been supervising Director for

such hits as Ace Ventura, Spiderman, the television Pink Panther, and many others. His animation Director successes include: The Simpsons, 100 and One Dalmatians, Timon and Pumba, and others, for Disney. He won two Emmys for his work with Tiny Toons for Warner Bros. In his work as a story director his credits include: Superman, Batman, G.I. Joe, Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Simpsons, Ghost Busters, Pink Panther, Scooby Doo, Mighty Kong (feature film), and many others. Cullen is a graduate of Sunset, Class of 1954, and graduated from the University of North Texas, and the Art Center School, Los Angeles. Houghtaling resides and works in California.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our newsletter editor retired from our board due to family health issues. We need help in order to keep the newsletter going so if you like to write, have an interest in keeping the Alumni Association going, we need your help. We also need volunteers to help raise money to cover our newsletter postage and publication costs and help us continue to support our teachers through our grant program. We also need volunteers to help out with events, a graphic artist, alumni liaison, webmaster and more. Put your talent and love of Sunset to good use. Contact us at: sunsetbisons@gmail.com

Meet the Teacher...



Kelan Jones
Varsity Head Coach
Lady Bison Basketball

TO ALL SUNSET ALUMNI:

My name is Kelan Jones I am from Garland, Texas where I attended High School at Lakeview Centennial High School class on 1992. I am a graduate of Jarvis Christian College where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Health Kinesiology/Biomechanics and played basketball all four years where I received honors of 1st Team all-conference in 1992.

I attended Texas A&M-Commerce where I received my Master's Degree in Health Kinesiology/ Sports Studies in 2002.

I have been in education for the past 14 years where I have taught Adapted Physical Education, Science, Health, and P.E. I am a high school basketball official and have worked in (D.B.O.A) Dallas Basketball Officials Association and Mesquite ISD as an official for over 10 years.

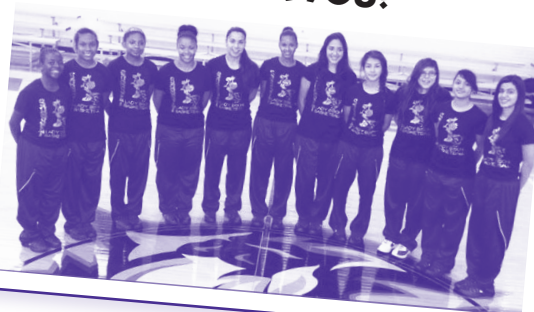
My coaching career began with becoming an Assistant at Jarvis Christian College after my career as a player with the Lady Bulldogs under current Head Coach/Athletic Director Elissia Burwell where I still currently serve and assist as a consultant. I volunteered as a basketball assistant with James Madison High School while working on my master's degree for two years. I went on to become the Head Boys Basketball Coach at O'banion Middle School in Garland, Texas for 5 years. I was also an assistant with Lakeview Centennial High School boys' basketball team for 3 years where in 2010 and 2011 we went to the Texas 5A State Championship Finals in Austin, Texas. I now am pleased and excited to be your current Head Basketball Coach for the Lady Bison at this great school of Sunset High School where I see and continue to learn some of the many great traditions and look to build, guide, shape and prepare our student athletes for success on and off the court.

LADY BASKETBALL TEAM WARM-UPS SPONSORED BY



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SHSAA & COACH KELAN JONES THANK YOU!



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
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<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

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Just check with your Human Resources/Personnel Dept.

Donations can also be made using **PayPal** on our website at 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? _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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

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Mail completed form to:

Sunset Alumni Association, P O Box 225276, Dallas TX 75222-5276

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. For a complete list of Departed Bison, please visit our website at www.sunsetalumni.com

Class '31 Marie Louise (Haley) Birdsong
Class '34 Anna Nelson (McQueen) Jordan
Class '35 Helen Louise (Lawson) Hays
Class '36 Evelyn (Holtzheuser) Richardson
Class '37 Glenn Edward Simmons
Class '38 Lora Ruthe (Thompson) Jackson
Class '39 Hardy William Fields
Class '39 Thula Rose (Keathley) Perry
Class '39 Glenn Hill Griffin, Jr
Class '40 Bobby Jo (Thompson) Muirhead
Class '40 Mary Virginia (Watson) Chilton
Class '41 Loyce Mae (Faries) Waggoner
Class '44 Yvonne (Lewis) Anderson
Class '45 Fred Melbourne Simmons
Class '45 Doris Jean (Jernigan) Long
Class '47 Judge Joseph Brantley Brown, Jr
Class '47 Charles Hodge
Class '48 Dorothy Earlene (Young) Norton

Class '49 George T. Beckham
Class '49 Joe Glenn Embry
Class '49 Ouida Lorraine (Murrell) Tolson
Class '49 Janelle (Taylor) McElree
Class '49 Howard Wayne Gamble
Class '50 Marianne (Ayers) Younger
Class '50 Martha Lea (Jean) New
Class '50 Lewis Dalton Minshew
Class '50 Choyse Durwood Hall
Class '51 Patsy (Ivy) Dennis
Class '52 Jerry Rose
Class '52 Elizabeth (Coover) Collins Smith
Class '52 Sam Jack Clinton
Class '52 Sue Jane (Farmer) Solomon
Class '53 Robert Mundell Unsell
Class '53 Frances Jane (Scott) Cason
Class '54 Carole Sue (Cook) Warmann
Class '55 Ernest Jack McCullough

Class '56 William Louis Martin
Class '56 Earl Murphey Ayles
Class '58 Joyce Jill (Cain) Fry Womack
Class '61 Marsha Elaine (McDaniel) Harris
Class '61 Margaret Carol (Adams) Harris
Class '62 Edward Charles Brown
Class '64 Juan Patian
Class '65 Richard Lee Nelson
Class '68 Brock Lee Martin
Class '69 William Ray Sizemore
Class '70 Cynthia Sanchez (Vela)
Class '71 William Boyd (Yarbrough) McCord
Class '71 Vicki Joyce (Watkins) Perez
Class '76 Nancy Kay (Nichols) Mueller
Class '80 Bobby Ray Carter, Jr
Class '83 Marcus Velasco
Faculty Karen Ann Stephens Tompkins

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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Winter 2014 Bison Spirit Newsletter

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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 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

Hiking Squads

Hiking was introduced in the Gym Department
for the first time in 1927. There were five squad leaders
and each leader was in charge of a squad of ten girls
and had a certain day on which to hike.

In order to promote interest, an emblem in the form
of a Bison was offered as a reward to the squad that
hiked the greatest number of miles.

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com