



Volume 11, Issue 2

## Alumni Association

Spring 2006

### Saturday Alumni Open House June 3

2 p.m. AHS Auditorium 818 W. Park Row

- ★ Alumni Choir • ★★ Alumni Band • Announcement of 2006 Distinguished Colt Alumni
- Introduction of Scholarship winners • T-shirts • X-pins • Refreshments • School open for touring

★ Meets at 1:00 in auditorium  
for rehearsal with Miss Ellis

★★ contact Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81,  
at 817.460.3408 or shadowlr@swbell.net

Parking on east side near gym and far west side, neither particularly convenient to auditorium. Parking in commercial lots across Park Row might get your car towed!!



## President's Letter

My Winter Issue letter focused on the fate of the old AHS building on S. Cooper St., still pending and under study by the Campus Master Plan Committee of The University of Texas at Arlington, owner of the property since 1968. Whether or not it continues to be a viable classroom facility for UTA is something that will be determined most likely by late summer based on the committee's recommendation to President James D. Spaniolo, and ultimately the system Board of Regents.

UTA administrators are well aware of the keen interest and sentiment for the old building so capably and forcefully expressed recently by the number of Colt alumni letters and emails. In March, **James Hyden, '55**, and I visited UTA's Master Plan custodian and VP-Administration, John D. Hall, on behalf of the Arlington Historical Society and Landmark Preservation Association. Our goal was to reinforce those appeals to save the old building based on its historical value to the community and UTA's neighborhood partnership with the city and its citizens since 1895.

Mr. Hall said that every consideration would be made to save all, or part of the building, according to the future physical and economic needs of the university. Fair enough. Meanwhile, Mr. Hall has agreed to buy and place a historical marker at the building to coincide with a number of civic events beginning in June commemorating Arlington's 130<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Stay tuned, and to keep pace with UTA's Master Plan, you can follow its progress via [www.uta.edu/masterplan](http://www.uta.edu/masterplan). While on the subject of the Internet, check out the new look and content of

our improved site, [www.ahscolts.com](http://www.ahscolts.com). Board member and Webmaster, **Brad Barton, '85**, has done a terrific job in upgrading our site and making it easier to access, especially for younger, Internet savvy users, who are more likely to be attracted to become members. Tell your kids and grandkids to check it out. It might be their preferred method of membership.

This spring, your association continued its long-standing support of the Arlington Education Foundation by funding impact grants, including one to AHS math teachers. Funding for these type grants and \$1,000 scholarships awarded to four 2006 AHS graduates would not be possible without your membership renewals, Lifetime upgrades, and generous contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks for all you do to keep our association growing and fiscally sound, as you will note from the published financial report (page 3) prepared by Treasurer **Art Bird, '54**.

Nominations for 2006 Distinguished Colt Alumni have been submitted and honorees will be revealed at our annual Alumni Open House, Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. at AHS. Don't miss this fun-filled gathering featuring **Jane Robin Ellis** and Colt Choraliers, the Alumni Band, and post-meeting reception.

Kick 'em, Colts!

Jim Ball, '59

## Milestones

**Passings:** The following all from **Class of 1951**...**Mona Adams Angell** in May 2005...**Bob Cooper** (who had been “lost” from the class for years was “found” when his obituary was seen in the Fort Worth paper) fall 2003...**Barbara Pentecost Howard** in February 2002...**Lavella Bryant Moore**, fall 2001...**Van Norman** in July 2005...**Mary Belle Cantrell Thompson** in March 2002...**Charles Sherwood** in November 2003...**Robert Scruton, '54**, February 2006...**Pam Moore, '62**, in 2003...**Dr. Robert L. Allen, '64**, January 2006...**Blake Thompson, '73**, March, 2006...**Joe Hodge**, long time shop teacher at the old Ousley Junior High on Cooper Street, April 2006...**Eleanor Grace Martin**, wife of the late James Martin (principal of AHS and Superintendent of AISD), April 2006.



Then

### Romance Report

**Bob Greene and Paulette Leigh, both Class of 1965**, met in Coach Womble’s Civics class in 1964. They dated throughout their senior year at AHS, their freshman year at Arlington State College (now the University of Texas at Arlington), and married during their sophomore year in 1967. They graduated from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M, Commerce) in 1969. Paulette and Bob, who live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, have now been married 38 years, have three children and four grandchildren. Bob says,



Now

“I’ll be forever grateful to the lady who put together the class assignment cards and to Coach Womble for his seating chart.”

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**Truman Bryce, '45**, and **Kitty Lee, '50**, married June 15, 1951. Kitty’s first glimpse of Truman was at the Meadowbrook swimming pool in 1946 where he was teaching diving. Although Kitty lived in Grand Prairie, she had come to Arlington to swim. Kitty says, “I was just a kid, but I was impressed. It’s still fun for him to receive thanks after all these years for the lessons at Meadowbrook.” Kitty’s family moved to Arlington on New Year’s Eve in 1948. By then Kitty and Truman were in love and Kitty says, “My blood was already green!”

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Can anyone match these siblings’ story? **Michael McLellan** married **Ann Snider McLellan** (both **'58 grads**) on July 29, 1961; **Sandra McLellan, '60**, and **Mike Pirkle, '59**, married September 10, 1960; **Bonnie McLellan** married **Ronnie Lindly** (both **Class of 1963**) on September 10, 1966; **Janice McLellan** and **Walter Osborne** (both **'65 grads**) married May 25, 1968. Only eldest sib Bob is not married to an AHS ex.

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When **Alison Bean, '71**, married **Scott Chandler, '65**, on December 28, 1970, they might have expected Tom’s Plumbing Company to be celebrating its golden anniversary this year. The pair who grew up across the street from each other might not have anticipated, however, that 35 years later 1) they would still live in Colt Country; 2) their three sons — **Tommy, '91, Tony, '92, Aaron, '98** — would all be AHS grads; 3) Tony would marry **Holly Erwin, '96**, and would 4) eventually present Scott and Ali with grandson and future Colt, **William Scott**.

Send all Romance Reports to [cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net) or to the PO Box, ATTN: newsletter.

## AHS Alumni Association 2005 Actual Budget and Proposed 2006 Budget

	<u>2005 Actual</u>	<u>2006 Proposed</u>
BANK BALANCE	13,670	
Operating Account		5,725
Scholarship Fund Account		<u>2,000</u>
(December 31, 2005 Bank Statements)		7,725
INCOME (RECEIPTS)		
	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Number of</u>
Dues - Renewals	148	150
Dues - New	65	75
Dues - Life Memberships	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Dues	246	260
Scholarship Fund - Donations	1,242	2,500
Scholarship Fund - Product Sales	922	1,000
Other Receipts	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>9,529</u>	<u>11,500</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletters	3,478	4,000
Postage & Permits	927	1,000
Special Events	1,049	1,000
Legal & Professional	1,000	500
Gifts, Grants & Scholarships	4,701	7,500
Pins and t-shirts to sell	1,448	1,000
Promotion, Ads, Webpage	2,015	250
Other Expenses	<u>856</u>	<u>250</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>15,474</u>	<u>15,250</u>
CASH FLOW (INCREASE)	(5,945)	(3,750)
BANK BALANCE	7,725	3,975
(December 31 Bank Statements)		

### Notes:

Our actual receipts/expenditures for 2005 were quite close to our proposed 2005 budget. The board is confident in our projections for 2006. As you can see the biggest source of revenue is from membership dues. For ten years, we have attended numerous reunions, passed out newsletters across town, and asked YOU to spread the word about the existence of the Alumni Association. Membership is our lifeblood. AHS has been graduating hundreds of students every year. The potential for membership is in the thousands. Right now we have 600 plus households with traditional memberships and about 1000 registered on the website. Most of the online members are exes who were active on the old website and were granted automatic online membership for 2006. If half of that thousand renew at \$10 for 2007, we have an additional \$5000 coming in. Let us know what we need to do to attract our alumni and... **KEEP SPREADING THE WORD!**



**Gary Martin, '53**, loaned the association this vintage Cadillac for the 2005 July 4th Parade.

The AHS Alumni Association will again be in the  
Arlington Fourth of July Parade!!!

We are seeking antique or interesting vehicles to take part.

Contact **Sally Culver, '76**, or **Marsha Matlock, '75**, if you would be willing to let us borrow your special vehicle. We want ALL alumni to know you are welcome to participate with us—either driving, riding or walking! We have such a GREAT time and it's wonderful to show off our undying school spirit.

Monday, July 3  
Sally's house, 6 p.m.  
Decorate vehicles

Tuesday, July 4  
7:30 a.m.  
UTA parking lot in assigned location TBA

**Come join us and help us show the city of Arlington  
HOW SWEET IT IS TO REMEMBER COLT COUNTRY!!**

Sally Culver  
817.861.9039  
sculver@pobox.com

MarshaMatlock  
817.274.6234  
marsha.matlock@sabre.com



Proceeds from sales of t-shirts and x-pins go to the scholarship fund. Items on sale at Open House.



## Education Foundation Awards Two Grants to Arlington High School and One to Gunn Junior High

Part of the AHS Alumni Association's mission from its beginning back in 1996 has been to support the work of the Arlington ISD Education Foundation. That Foundation has awarded 196 grants to AISD schools totaling over \$500,000 since 1995. Over that time, teachers at AHS have applied for 13 grants, ten of which have been awarded. Our elementary and junior high schools in the AHS network have been awarded over two dozen grants as well. In 2006, AHS received two grants, one funded by National Semiconductor and one funded by US! We also underwrote the grant to Gunn.



Principal James Adams joins Alumni Association representatives Paul Swartz and Jannette Workman (r) in awarding our grant to Linda Seager.

National Semiconductor, a generous supporter of Arlington's public schools, underwrote a grant for \$5000 awarded to the science department. The grant will purchase the software to create a Weatherbug Weather Station at AHS. Students in several subjects—Environmental Studies, Physics, Chemistry—will plan and collectively carry out the use of scientific methods and equipment to record daily changing weather patterns at AHS and to forecast the weather three days into the future. Channel 8, the local ABC affiliate, connects to Weatherbug Weather Stations during their telecasts. Lead teacher is Jonathan Szostek.

The AHS Alumni Association funded a grant to the AHS math department called "Manipulatives for Teaching Activities in Algebra and Geometry." These manipulatives will enable teachers to take activities learned at seminars and workshops to promote mastery of these subjects into their classrooms. Math department chair Linda Seager wrote the grant and will receive \$1000 for the purchase of the learning tools. This is a grant which keeps on giving for not only will students in next year's classes benefit but students in years to follow will, too.



Scott Kahl of National Semiconductor (l) and Principal James Adams flank participating teachers Lynn Knoy and John Sudbury at the awarding of the grant for the Weatherbug.



From left, Gunn Junior High principal Lesia Rodawalt joins teachers Nora Kasten-Gaddis, Harry Harrison, Lauri Rule, Debbie Crenshaw and Alumni representatives Cathy Brown and Paul Swartz for the awarding of the Association's grant to the history department.

The history department of Gunn Junior High received an Arlington High School Alumni Association grant for \$2000 to implement "Record, Rewind, Relive: The 3R's of History." Students use primary sources from the internet and interviews with real people to demonstrate newly acquired knowledge of events, ideas and people through the production of documentaries and live performances. Competitions between schools occur where students take their documentaries and performances beyond their classrooms. Lauri Rule spearheaded this grant.

## WE ASKED — YOU ANSWERED

Our Membership Report in the Winter Issue challenged you to upgrade your annual membership to Life or to bring in new members by giving a membership as a gift. The additional revenue, we promised, would help us enhance our newsletters and enlarge our gifts and grants to Arlington High. You have already seen the first of those enhancements—the color photos on pages 4 and 5. Thank you to all who upgraded and to those who treated a friend or relative to a membership.

### NEW MEMBERS

Jerry & Jane Bentley, '53/CBC  
Ben George, '58, Life Member  
Fay Harmon, '61  
Tom McCrady, '80  
Beth Bond Sparrow, '64  
Virginia Williams Terrell, '60

### SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Julian Blackwell, '48  
Violet Shackelford Broome, '46  
Chelsea Taylor Carter, '95  
Kent Cherry, '52  
Pamela Workman Copeland, '66  
Ben George, '58  
Bowie Hogg, '96  
Bill Hughes, '48  
Carl Long & Anita Grubbs '58/'61  
Owen & Yvonne Bohannon Ivie, '43  
Tom & Judy Bond Joy, '58/'61  
Bill & Sabra Reed Nesbitt, '46/'48  
Carileta Ross, CBC  
Mary Ann Demases Weaver, '51  
Cheryl Taylor West, '74  
Memorial for Mary McDonald Bray  
from The Class of 1948 Ladies Lunch Bunch

### UPGRADES TO LIFE

Cindy Farley Anderson, '64  
Beth Arnold, '56  
James David Bailey, '61  
Gretchen Weicker Bullock, '63  
Susan Murchison Calhoun, '56  
Bonnie Boyd Chambers, '51  
Jim & Cari Fitzgerald Cook, '70  
Kelly & Mary Tom Cravens Curnutt, '84  
Jim & Ruth Meador Harris, '52/'58  
Judy Johnson, '60  
Jerry Jordan, '59  
Eleanore Remyse Kenyon, '51  
Butch Kirby, '64  
Bob McCain, '60  
Josie Lu Bird O'Quinn, '56  
LeeAnne Moses Robbins, '76  
Jacque Deering Roll, '63  
Virginia Freeman & Brant Taylor, '42/CBC

Tell every AHS ex  
you know  
to check out  
**ahscolts.com**  
It's EASY to join  
online. You get  
message boards;  
email communication  
through the  
webmaster;  
newsletters and  
announcements.

**New memberships which came in after newsletter deadline passed will be listed in the complete roster in the Open House program and the fall issue.**



## AHS Alumni Association Renewal Form

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<u>Annual</u>		<u>Life</u>	
\$20 - individual	-	\$100	
\$25 - household	-	\$150	
\$10 - renewal	-	\$ 0	

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (Maiden)

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(Street)

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(City) (State) (Zip) (Phone)

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment  Cash  Check

Payable to: AHS Alumni P.O. Box 152578 Arlington, TX 76015 817.261.1512 ahs\_alumni@sbcglobal.net

## Reunion Arena

### Class of 1946

June 2 & 3

Friday: 6 pm - Mixer at Rolling Hills

Saturday: Open House at AHS;

7pm - Dinner at the Waterford in Pantego

Contact: Betty Willis 817-461-0404

### Fabulous Fifties

October 14, 2006

La Quinta Conference Center

Arlington. Details coming this summer.

Marydene Bennett, 817.379.4002

marykeller@verizon.net

### Class of 1951

June 3

Saturday: Alumni Open House

Evening: 6 pm dinner at Shady Oaks

Hotel Arrangements: Marriott Courtyard

Helen Schrickel, 817.274.0005

hhschrick@aol.com

Sarabeth Kimmons, 817.460.7787

### Class of 1956

Oct 6: Mixer at Windham hotel

Oct 7: Dinner at Windham, 6:30

Ray Dell Smith, 903.643.0676

Toni Leeds Grisham: 817-477-4461

Josie Lu O'Quinn, 817.274.2882

oquinn@uta.edu

### Class of 1961

June 2 & 3

Friday: Golf - Shady Valley; lunch/shopping at Brownstone Village; dinner at Tony's Pizza

Saturday: Alumni Open House; social at Hilton Hotel

Sunday: Brunch at Rolling Hills Country Club

### Class of 1966

June 2 & 3

Friday: Mixer TBA

Saturday: Lunch at Spring Creek BBQ - 11:00 am;

Alumni Open House; 6:30 - Rolling Hills CC

Hotel Arrangements: Marriott Courtyard

Charles Sawyer, 866.307.8000

arlie@ahs66.org

Martha Wiggins Moseley,

817.275.5338

mmoseley@sbcglobal.net

### Class of 1976

July 7 & 8

Friday: Icebreaker at

JGilligans, 8 - midnight

Saturday: Shady Valley

### Class of 1986

June 10

Embassy Suites H

Grapevine, 7:30

Ann Edens Carter (no contact number available)

reunionsbythepartypeople.com

reunions.beth@comcast.net

### Class of 1996

September 8 & 9

Friday: Homecoming Pep Rally, game, JGilligans

Saturday: Family Picnic - River Legacy Park;

7:30 - Rolling Hills Country Club

reunionsbythepartypeople.com

Bowie Hogg, ahscoltsg@gmail.com

817.565.2636

After your reunion, send in a Reunion Report to [cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net) for the Fall issue. What worked well about this reunion? What would you do differently next time? How many attended? Any really exciting news to report from your class? Please, share.

## Board of Directors — 2006

President: Jim Ball, '59  
 Vice-President: David Mayfield, '70  
 Secretary: Kathy Fuller Havins, '76  
 Treasurer: Arthur Bird, '54

### **Membership:**

Chair: Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61  
 Marketing: Bowie Hogg, '96  
 Growth & Development:  
     Sally Denton Culver, '76  
     Marsha Matlock, '75  
 Reunions: Alvin & Martha Wiggins Moseley, '65/'66

### **Publications:**

Editor: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63  
 Distribution: Paul Swartz, '59

### **Committees:**

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Bellomy Wallis, '63  
 Special Events: Kathy Lucas Martin, '76  
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 Webmaster: Brad Barton, '85  
 Past President: Charles Marshall, '51

## Arlington High Historical Dates

- 1905** - first graduating class
- 1908** - first graduation class with boys in it
- 1923** - high school relocates from South Side which houses all 11 grades to the brand new campus on South Cooper Street. This campus served AHS 33 years.
- 1956** - AHS moves to Park Row, the extreme southern edge of town! The building had one hall and half of a second one. Come to the Open House to see the burgeoning complex as it exists 50 years later!

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**Alumni Open House: June 3, 2006**  
**AHS Golden Anniversary of the Park Row Campus**