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TIME CHANGE...TIME CHANGE...TIME CHANGE...ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

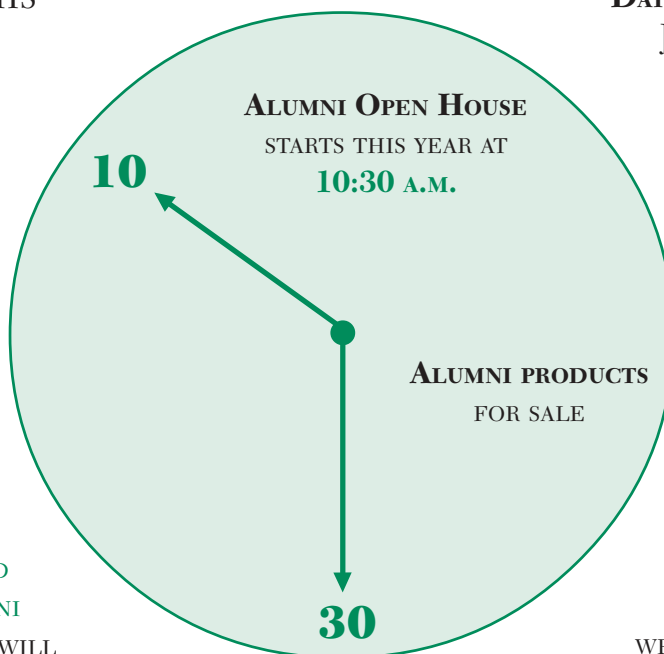
LOCATION: AHS CAFETERIA

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007

PARKING:
IN FRONT OF SCHOOL
IN LOTS WEST OF SCHOOL

WARNING:
CARS WILL BE TOWED IF PARKED ON NORTH SIDE OF PARK ROW.

DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI FOR 2007 WILL BE ANNOUNCED.



ALUMNI CHOIR MEETS IN CHOIR ROOM (SAME PLACE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN) AT **9:30** FOR REHEARSAL WITH MISS ELLIS.

ALUMNI BAND REHEARSAL IN CAFETERIA AT **9:30**. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TANYA TERRELL-WEIDEMAN. ALL FORMER BAND MEMBERS WELCOME. 817.460.3408 or shadowlr@swbell.net

WEBSITE UPDATE – COLT FRIENDLY

Recently, an associate in my office was very frustrated with her computer and the Internet. She let me know that if at all possible she would like to give the Internet back! Well, that probably is not going to happen because “it” is the future and has become a major tool for all of us to gather information, communicate and stay in touch.

By the time we convene for the 2007 Open House on June 2, the AHS Alumni Association will introduce an “updated” web site. The Alumni Association Board has approved developing a new site that will focus on keeping you informed of AHS X-Colt Class events as well as bringing you up to date on the projects and programs being coordinated by the board.

Some of the content ideas being developed include:

- < Current news from the AHS Alumni Association
- < Membership applications – and yes, you can join on-line
- < Information from AHS Classes – including reunion announcements

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Milestones

Passings: Dates are all 2007 unless otherwise noted. **Mary Catherine (Cackie) Rankin Peterson, '39**, February...**L.D. (Duwayne) Nowell, '49**, February...**Patricia Ima Jean Wilson Howell, '50**, February; **Tom "Pinky" Eaton, '53**, March; **JoAnn Hebbard Bunn, '55**, December 2006...**Bob Arlington, '59**, February...**Faith Belovsky Eddingston, '63**, February...**Janice Stroud Lindsey, '64**, March...**Erin Michael Clay**, age 24, February...**Allison Marie Olivas, '04**, February...**Floyd Gunn**, former AISD trustee and namesake of Gunn Junior High, April.

Achievements: **Carole Bearden**, AHS English teacher, was selected as the Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Teacher of the Year for the high school level. She and other winners were honored at the annual luncheon in March... As reported in the Winter issue, **James "Brad" Bradley, '39**, was selected to the AT&T Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held April 17 in front of the Cotton Bowl at Fair Park in Dallas. It is the first official Cotton Bowl event linking the game—coming to Arlington in 2010—to our hometown and particularly to an alumnus.

Notable: **E.G.** and **Irene Actkinson Nation**, Classes of **1941** and **1942** respectively, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 9, 2007. Pictured on page 3 are many of the Nation family (not all) and their AHS graduation years:

Front Row from left: E.G., Irene, son Tim, '67, Ola Actkinson Neeley, '56, nephew Bruce Nation, '83.

Second Row: daughters Martha Peasner, '77, and Marien Cameron, '76, niece Susanna Nation Tate, '87.

Back Row: son Paul, '72, nephews John Nation, '72, Richard Nation, '78, sister-in-law Patsy Lawson Nation, '48, brother David Nation, '48.

Not pictured: Alumni Association Life Member Faye Nation Van Dam, '39.

Romance Report: **Tom Moore** and **Linda Rodden Jobe**, sweethearts back at Nichols in the 9th grade, re-met at the **Class of '65** reunion, began dating again, and got engaged on Linda's birthday, January 11, 2007. They were married April 14.

The Association and The Foundation

On February 27, the Arlington ISD Education Foundation held its Awards Banquet at the Arlington Convention Center. Educators, community leaders and business leaders applauded the **Arlington High School Alumni Association** as it received the **Leadership in Education Award** from the Foundation. One organization each year and four individuals are honored by the Foundation. In years past, three alumni have received this award: **Tom Cravens, '60**, **Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48**, and **Jannette Workman, '54**. Past president **Jim Ball** accepted the award on our behalf and 18 members of the Association were present as a group.

The following week **Cathy Bontley Brown, '63**, and **Mary Tom Cravens Curnutt, '84**, delivered the happy news to Sarah Valentino, music teacher at Crow Elementary, that she had received the **Arlington High School Alumni Association** grant from the Foundation. Because we give \$3,000 each year to fund our grant and the request was for more than that, the AISD Education Foundation co-sponsored the grant so that it would be fully funded at \$5,000. This grant, named "Music Comes Alive Through Technology," will be used at Crow year after year inspiring hundreds of future Colts and preparing them for the musical opportunities ahead at AHS.

An original mission of our Association's founding committee was to partner with the Education Foundation to benefit students at Arlington High School or students who would some day attend Arlington High. (See photos of both events on facing page.)

Celebrations



E.G. and Irene Nation celebrate their 60th anniversary with lots of Colt alumni.



Jim Ball, '59, center, accepts the Leadership in Education Award from AISD Education Foundation President Jim Maibach and Foundation Director Andrew Piel.



Jim Ball, Peggy Wood Martin, '66, Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49, Art, '54, and Martha Bird, CBC, enjoyed the Awards Banquet.



Ella Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66, Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66, and Alvin Moseley, '65, attended the Foundation Awards Banquet.



Mary Tom Cravens Curnutt, '84, joins grant winner Sarah Valentino and Principal **Sally McGary Amendola, a 1975 AHS Alumna**.



Second grade music students at Corinne Crow Elementary surround their grant winning teacher.

We Reach Out!

Member Alert: The most important numbers in the budget on the facing page are **80** and **45**. They represent a goal of new members to join the Association in 2007. This goal is so modest to be almost silly. With thousands of alumni still alive and kicking and with 500+ new alumni joining our ranks every year, 125 total new memberships should be a piece of cake.

To reach this goal, we have developed a one sheet brochure which classes having reunions this year are distributing in their mailings and posting on their websites. But we still NEED you to help us.

You know an AHS ex who is not a member of the Association. In fact, you probably know many. Recruit one, just one to join us in 2007. A gift membership solves the problem of what to give a friend or relative for the next special occasion. Give one, just one in 2007.

The additional funds will help us buy the commemorative marker for the property where the first Arlington High was located on Cooper and Abram. More dues will underwrite more scholarships and more grants to AHS and its network elementaries and junior highs through the AISD Education Foundation. A bigger budget will allow us to say "Yes" when groups from AHS request help for their projects and fundraising.

We need you and the ex-Colts you know. Bring 'em in!

We Say Thanks!

NEW MEMBERS

Wally Bryce, '75
Mickey Bryce, '74
Kenny Hart, '56 - Life
Rena Bygel Humburg, '54
Bill Jones, '63
Christopher Kiefhaber, '02
Kelly Kiefhaber, '06

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

Jerry & Jane Bentley, '53/CBC
Ryan, Kevin, Gary McGaw,
'96/'99/CBC
Bill & Sabra Nesbitt, '46/'48
Don & Barbara Ormand, '59
Wilma Prater, '50

RENEWED AS LIFE MEMBERS

Ray & Mary Ruth Actkinson Havins,
CBC/'49
Uli Baur, '61
Joe Fuller, '52
Raymond & Lydia Hardy, '93/CBC
Jim Highfill, '53
Betty Nell Merrifield, '56
Leslie Cox Recine, '81
Bill & Gayle Reeves, '56/'54
Carileta Ross, CBC
Don Sudduth, '60
Tina, Charlie, Chase, Spencer Tenney,
'70/CBC/'95/'98
Stephen White, '90

We Need You!

We have several projects which require involvement from you to make them work.

- **July 4th parade** - vehicles, decorating, riding and walking in the parade.
Contact: Marsha Matlock - 817.274.6234, marhsa.matlock@sabre.com
Sally Culver - 817.861.9039, sculver@pobox.com
- **Alumni Product Sales** - registration days, Colt County Fair, football games, Homecoming
Contact: Paul Swartz - 817.429.0735
- **Alumni Open House** - set-up on June 1, registration table, product sales
Contact: Erin Chaney - 817.461.3100, worldviewtravel@gmail.com

Financial Report

In February, the Board of Directors adopted the 2007 proposed budget submitted by treasurer Art Bird. Accompanying it is the actual list of receipts and expenditures from 2006.

	<u>2006 ACTUAL</u>		<u>PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE			
Operating Account	5,725		2,662
Scholarship Fund Account	<u>2,000</u>		<u>4,500</u>
(Per December 31, 2006 bank statements)	7,725		7,162
ESTIMATED INCOME (RECEIPTS)	No. OF		No. OF
DUES - RENEWALS	167	1,655	200
DUES - NEW ANNUAL	51	1,060	80
DUES - LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	43	<u>4,700</u>	<u>45</u>
TOTAL DUES	261	7,415	325
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - DONATIONS		5,800	2,500
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - PRODUCT SALES		1,304	1,500
OTHER RECEIPTS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>14,519</u>	<u>12,625</u>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
NEWSLETTER COST		4,030	5,000
POSTAGE & PERMITS		1,328	1,200
SPECIAL EVENTS-OPEN HOUSE, HOMECOMING		1,166	1,250
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL		-	250
GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS		7,425	7,500
PRODUCT INVENTORY		498	750
PROMOTION, ADS, WEBPAGE		475	500
OTHER EXPENSES		<u>160</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>15,082</u>	<u>16,650</u>
CASH FLOW (INCREASE) [DECREASE]		<u>(563)</u>	<u>(4,025)</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE		<u>7,162</u>	<u>3,137</u>
(PER DECEMBER 31 BANK STATEMENTS)		<u><u>7,162</u></u>	<u><u>3,137</u></u>



Jim Ball (front left) and **Bonny Jo Black Edmonds, '54**, (front right) joined Preservation Texas officials when the old AHS building was placed on their Most Endangered Places list. In addition to these efforts, the Alumni Association, working with local preservationists, has agreed to purchase a marker to be placed on the property. The marker will read as follows: Arlington's first public school, County School P.S. 48, opened in September 1896. The Arlington Public School District—now AISD—was established in July 1902, and built its first school, a combination elementary/high school, in 1903. Steady growth moved AISD to build a new Arlington High School on this site in 1922. In 1957, it became the city's first junior high school and operated until 1968, when UTA bought the academic complex for use. This is Arlington's longest-standing monument to public education.



Paul Swartz, '59, and **Cathy Brown, '63**, model AHS Alumni products. Items are sold at various events and soon will be available for purchase on our website.

Hat	\$10
T-shirt	\$10
X-pin	\$ 2

Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.



Join us for the 2007 July 4th Parade.
All Alumni welcome to a walk and ride.



Thanks to **Daniel Horner, '95**, for identifying the girl wearing her mom's spirit pants to Homecoming 2006. Our model is sixth grader Nikki Trotter and her mom, **Velvet Woody Trotter, '97**, wore those pants during the 1994 season while a trainer for the state semi-finalist AHS Colts.

Reunion Arena

Class of 1952

No plans for a 55th

Class of 1957

June 1 & 2

Friday-6:00, meet at old AHS auditorium on Cooper & Abram, followed by get-together at JGilligan's. Saturday-Alumni Open House; Lunch at Shady Oaks BBQ; Golden Anniversary Gala at Wyndham Hotel.

Contacts: C.V. Brewer, 817.688.8151

Sue Ann Burns Kilpatrick, 817.275.0266

Paula Rickey Crossman, crossman6@yahoo.com

Class website:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AHS_Class_of_1957/

Class of 1962

October 20, The White Room at 6:00.

Contacts: Alice Vennum Schear aliceschear@aol.com, 214.341.4820

Mary Tannahill

m2tannahill@sbcglobal.net, 817.375.1953

Class website: ahs1962.com

Class of 1967

June 2

Alumni Open House, 10:30a.m. Evening celebration at Cotton Creek Club in Fort Worth.

Contact: Glenda or Ray Cantrell, 817.483.0867, ercgkc72@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1972

Unknown to us at press time.

Class of 1977

Forming a Reunion Committee now.

If interested in helping or attending a 30th, please contact:

Carrie Davis Palmer, 817.277.6596, carrisu@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1982

Planning a 25th casual reunion at JGilligan's—details to follow.

Most likely on a Friday night in the fall, to go along with a game. arlingtonhigh82@yahoo.com alexander@integrity.com

Class of 1987

September 28 & 29

Friday-AHS football game, post-game party at JGilligan's Saturday-Reunion Celebration Shady Valley Golf Club 7:30-midnight

reunionsbythepartypeople.com

Contact: Carol Estrada Morelan, 817.472.6201,

carolandmarty@tx.rr.com

Class of 1997

September 14 & 15

Friday-AHS football and JGilligan's Saturday-Shady Valley Golf Club ahscolts1997.com



Are reunions fun? Just ask the Class of '76ers: **Lee Anne Moses Robbins, Sally Denton Culver, Dennis Martin, Kathy Lucas Martin.**

Please send a photo or two from your reunion for the next newsletter to cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net.



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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

Amount enclosed _____

Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Last) _____ (Maiden) Class of _____

Address _____ (Street)

(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

President's Letter: Website Update, con't from Page 1

- ⟨ Current and archive copies of the AHS Alumni Association Newsletter
- ⟨ Latest Scholarship awards – with updates on past awardees
- ⟨ Links to AHS Class Websites – Links to AHS Web Site
- ⟨ COLT X Merchandise – Hats, T-shirts and X-pins – available for purchase online
- ⟨ A new section of the website will include a history of Arlington High School – including a place for you to keep the history alive with stories from your class
- ⟨ BANNER ADS – \$25.00 – a great way to put your business in front of AHS Colts Alumni – use the email contact below for more information

Even more important – what features would you like to see included in the new site? We would love to hear from you. Contact Mary Tom Cravens Curnutt at mtcurnutt@tx.rr.com.

We hope the new and improved website will be Colt Friendly and will keep you apprised of the benefits of **AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** membership.

See you at Open House!

Mac Martin

Mac Martin, '61

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