

Alumni Association

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President's Letter

From the President's Chair:

I am pleased to be an AHS Colt Ex—Class of 1961! I am pleased that another Colt Ex—my wife **Peggy Martin, '66**, is teaching at AHS! Other family Colts include daughters, **Jackie, '94**, and her husband, **Corey Hooks, '93**, and **Jeannie Wildman, '93**. Also my Colt brother **JT Martin, '65**, and sister **Martha Sue Meek, '69**, and my nephew **Austin Martin Meek, 2002**. The list continues with Peggy's brothers—**Tom Wood, '61**, **Randy Wood, '72**, and the late **Bob Wood, '63**, as well as Bob's daughter **Lisa Wood, '88**. *I think that mentions all the family Colts!*

I am especially pleased to be asked by the Alumni Board to serve as President of the AHS Alumni Association. In just the past few months I have been so impressed with our board. Together, we are looking for ways to build our membership. *In case you didn't know, the main benefit of membership is the opportunity to stay in touch with other COLTS.* Second and equal to this is the chance we have to support a legacy of Education Excellence. Your membership dues and donations fund our contribution to the AISD Education Foundation, along with



Mac Martin, '61, and Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64, take over as President and Vice-President, respectively.

other scholarships and donations we make to deserving students at AHS.

Please remember that this is your association! We want 2007 to be a banner year for increased membership, increases in scholarship donations and an increase in your participation. We have many volunteer positions to fill from helping with our June 2 Alumni Open House to helping with the July 4th Parade activities. Please let us know of your interest in being an active Colt Ex!

COLTS FOREVER!

Mac Martin

Mac Martin, '61

Congratulations to us!

On February 27 at 6:30, the Arlington High School Alumni Association will be named one of five honorees—and the only organization—to receive the *Leadership in Education* designation presented by the AISD Education Foundation. The banquet will be at the Arlington Convention Center and is open to all. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling the Foundation office at 682.827.1927. Reservation deadline is February 19. We are proud of our support of the students at AHS and its network elementary and junior high schools through the grant-giving mechanism of the Education Foundation. Previous alumni given this award include **Tom Cravens, '60**, **Jannette Workman, '54**, and **Beverly Reynolds, '48**.

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Milestones

Dates are for 2006 unless otherwise noted.

Passings: **Odeal Percy**, Valedictorian of the **Class of 1930**, long time AISD teacher and namesake of Percy Elementary School in January 2007... **Frankie Waller Bardin**, '32, September... **John R. Hyden**, '42, July... **Kenneth Latham**, '51, May (his widow **Patsy Kelly Latham**, '52, still lives in Florida)... **Gene Caton**, '53, November... **Barbara Whaley Toth**, '54, March... **Jerry Newell Gray**, '57, August... **Bob Admire**, husband of Arlington resident **Daisy Lowry Admire**, '57, January 2007... **Rick Ezzell**, '62, January 2007... **Tye Barnett**, '64, 2004... **Don Frost**, '64, December... **Lynn Henry**, '64, September... **Kevin Copeman**, '78, June... **Chad Sullivan**, '92, June 2005... **Woodrow Counts**, long time administrator and former Superintendent of Arlington schools in October... **Ron Durham**, former AHS art teacher and Fine Arts coordinator for AISD in November... **Juanita Skelton** former teacher and speech therapist with AISD and mother of **Joe** and **Deanna Evans Skelton**, both Class of '63, in January 2007... The following persons from AHS are listed with their ages because their class is unknown: **Lester Boring**, age 99, September... **Lois Mae Ballinger Hickman**, age 86, December... **Ann Hare Tuggle**, age 72, October... **Alicia Ann Laughlin**, age 50, October... **Joey Garza**, age 28, July... **Mark Robert Rangel**, age 20, April.

Births: **Aodhan Emric Anz** was welcomed into the Merrill/Anz clan on September 28 by mom **Laura Merrill Anz**, '89, uncle **Alyn Merrill**, '86, and

grandmother **Sharron Chapman Merrill**, '61. Also on hand were big brother Tallis and dad Craig... **Matt Brown**, '95, and his wife Megan announce the birth of **Colton Michael** (nickname Colt??) on October 25 in San Antonio. Grandmother **Cathy Bontley Brown**, '63, and aunt **Meg Brown**, '97, celebrate, too... **Mac**, '61, and **Peggy Wood Martin**, '66, are the proud grandparents of **Grace Evelyn** born January 12 to **Jackie**, '94, and **Corey Hooks**, '93. She is named for her two grandmothers, the late **Eleanor Grace Martin** and **Margaret Evelyn Wood**.

Marriages: **Brian Coleman**, '96, married **Katie Havins**, '99, at her grandfather's ranch (**Joe Fuller**, '52) on September 30. Their parents are **Bruce**, '66, and **Sharon Stults Coleman**, '67, and **Terry** (a Lamar grad but now a Colt by Choice) and **Kathy Fuller Havins**, '76.

Notable: **Renae Bygel Humburg**, '54, received the All-Arizona Superintendent Award along with the American School Board Association Golden Bell Award for Buena High's "Student-2-Student" program for aiding transfer students... **Sharron Merrill**, '61, heard from a friend in Australia that Arlington High School made the local paper in his small town of Ulladulla. Philip Anderson's eye was caught by the reference to Arlington in a story about the school dress code "outlawing" cleavage.

Please send all Milestones to cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net or to the AHS Alumni PO Box.



In December 2006, **James "Brad" Bradley**, '39, was named to the AT&T Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame. A Cotton Bowl Athletic Association fixture for more than a half-century, Brad is college football's favorite photographer, jumping on the Southwest Conference football beat in the fall of 1947. He covered his first Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day, 1948, when SMU's legendary Doak Walker was in his heyday. Few can match Brad's years of service to a football bowl game. This past January 1, his streak of consecutive Cotton Bowls worked reached an unprecedented 58 games. He remains active, photographing prominent Dallas sports and social events. Brad's induction will be in April at the Cotton Bowl in ceremonies honoring the 2007 class, including ex-Dallas Cowboys Dat Nguyen (Texas A&M) and Keyshawn Johnson (USC). Other inductees include Jerry Sizemore (Texas), Bob Fennimore (Oklahoma State); and the late Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian.

From the Past President
To the membership:

For the past two years, it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your president, fulfilling my purpose to oversee growth and sustain the excellent fiscal condition of our association. With those goals met, I tendered my resignation at the regular meeting of the board in November 2006, when **Mac Martin, '61**, was elected to serve as your new president. I'll remain an active board member, along with a dozen other directors re-elected in November.

Mac brings a wealth of talent and management experience to the board, and as most of you know, is the son of the late, beloved former AHS principal, and later superintendent of Arlington public schools, **James Martin**. Another familiar Arlington name also appears on your new directors' slate with the election of **Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64**, to the post of VP; she's the daughter of longtime co-publisher/editor of *The Arlington Citizen Journal*, George Hawkes.

The reins of the association remain in excellent hands, reflecting the quality of a broad base of highly capable volunteer ex-Colts. The addition of other new directors, **Leslie Cox Recine, '81**, and **Mary Tom Curnutt, '84**, further strengthens the purpose and mission of the organization; they deserve your continued support. With your generosity and enthusiasm, ours will remain an exemplary alumni group—one that will continue to flourish and do good things for, and in the name of Arlington High School.

Sincerely,



Jim Ball, '59

For Sale:

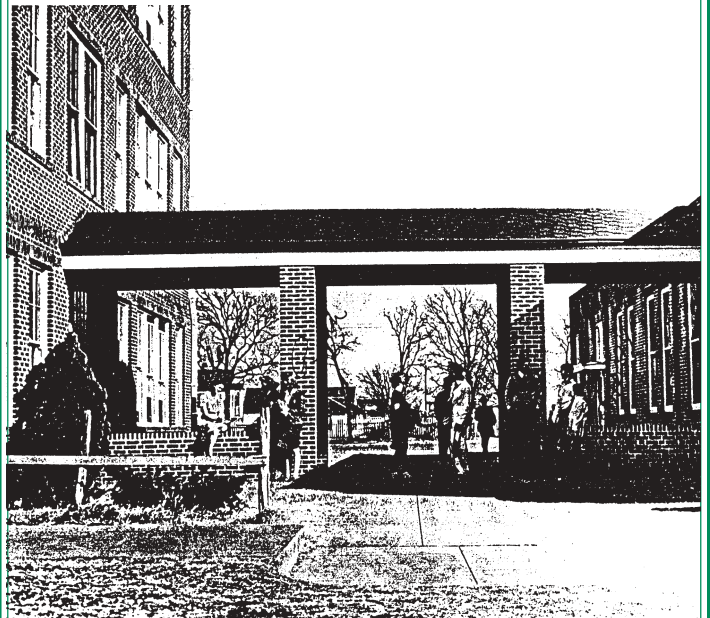
an old AHS Biology desk which
Floyd Spracklen rescued
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or email at sondras6856@tx.rr.com

Preserving the Old

On Feb. 7, Preservation Texas issued its 2007 list of Texas' Most Endangered Places that includes the old Arlington High School building at Cooper & Abram. The annual designation by the influential Austin-based preservation group was announced from the south steps of the Texas State Capitol in Austin following a fall letter-writing campaign spearheaded by 1954 AHS grads, **Bonny Jo Black Edmonds** (Tyler) and **Linda Hargrave** (Denver, CO). Their effort also fetched similar building-saving letters from other grads, including **Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49**, **Gary Martin, '53**, and **Jim Ball, '59**.

Since 1968, the building has been owned by UTA and currently houses the university's School of Social Work complex. The Edmonds-Hargrave campaign to save the remaining former high school (1923-1956) and Ousley Jr. High (1956-1968) structure, began a year ago after UTA razed the AHS Homemaking Cottage.



*Arlington High School, 1941
yearbook photo,
courtesy of
Doris Mann Farrow*

Homecoming and the Distinguished Colt Alumni, 2006

Charles, '51, and Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49, Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49, and Joy McAlpine Key, '59, standing in for her late husband Charlie, also of the Class of 1959, attended the traditional bonanza known as the Homecoming Pep Rally. Honorees Mayfield Workman, CBC, along with his wife Sterling Goodwin Workman, '36, and Mike Wade, with his wife Amy Bledsoe Wade, both Class of '76, joined those four for the pre-game reception and on-field ceremony.



Dorothy, Charles, Joy and Wanda in gym foyer before the pep rally.



Coach Workman and his wife Sterling waving to the crowd.



Former Colt football players watching the introduction of the honorees.



Honoree Mike Wade and wife Amy during the pre-game ceremonies.



Nick Joy, '63, chats with his former coach Harold Hill, '52, at the pre-game reception. Both men played for Coach Workman.



David Snider, '57, and Larry Davault, '52, at the reception.

Renew Today! Renewals due by March 15, 2007

Renewal of annual memberships for \$10 is now due and must be in by March 15 to keep your name on the database and to assure delivery of your spring newsletter OR take this opportunity to upgrade your membership to a life membership and end your annual payments. Consider giving friends or relatives

a membership in the Association as a gift for a birthday, anniversary, or any occasion.

Renewal and new memberships allow us to support scholarships and programs for AHS students. They also allow us to continue to enhance our services, such as the addition of color pictures to our newsletters.

Members: *If your address, phone or email has changed, please return a corrected renewal form—even if you don't owe any dues OR email the changes to us at ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net.*

Listed below are the annual members who need to send in their \$10 renewal dues OR upgrade to **Life** status in order to remain on our 2007 mailing list. Return the renewal form on page 7 to:

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If your name is **NOT** listed below, your membership is current through 2007. To upgrade, send form and check for \$100 or \$150.

Gala Arambula & Marshal McCormick	Miriam Bush	Lynne Edwards	Bruce Grenvall
John Ball	Carroll & Judith Butler	Phil Ekholm	Irma Grounds
Champ Barnes	Carol Byrd	Sydney Eller	Tiffany Guest
Jan Barnhart	Will Canon/Mallory	Joe (Bubba) Eppes	Joe & Sharon Hall
Uli Baur	Petersen	Randall Evans	Pattie Hardin
Eric Bautovich	Sammie Carter	Charles Andrew Eyler	Raymond & Evelyn Hardy
Nancy Baxter	Tia Cash	Kenneth & Donna Fabel	Fay Harmon
Daniel Beaver	Gabriel Chaligne	Mary Kathleen Fiefhaber	Amber Harris
Janie Bellomy	Thomas Champion	Effie & Shirley Foster	Nan Harris
Daniel Benoit	Pamela Copeland	John & Beverly Frank	Rush & Jane Hart
Jerry & Jane Bentley	Rosemary Cox	Joe D. Fuller	Mary Ruth Havins
Dyril Bernius	Paula Crossman	Pat Galyon	Les Hicks
Tiffany Bingham	Bill & Gayle Crouch	Dusti Garrison	Julette Hiett
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Carrie Bogard	Wendel Decker	Linda Gipson	Mildred Hilbun
Trinka & Robert Boggs	Helen Deering	Lila Glenn	John Hinton
Bennie Brown	John & Frankie Dennehy	Monica Gonzalez	James Hogland
Truman & Kitty Bryce	John W. Dickey	Donald Goodwin	Debbie Holland
Janet Buckelew	Charlese Duff	Dan Gould	Bill Hubbard
	Jim Dupstadt	Jack & Louise Gray	Tom & Mary-Dawn Hudspeth

Barbara Hughes	Bill & Jo Anne McGraw	Matthew Patton	Max Stewart
Pat Hyden	Jerry McPike	Cackie Peterson	Don Sudduth
Donna Jennings	Samantha McRae	Peter Pierce, Jr.	Tina, Charles, Chase Spencer Tenney
Margaret Johnson	John & Patricia Menz	Mary Anne Polson	Virginia Terrell
Joy Key	Betty Nell Merrifield	Lanette & Gene Posey	Tracey Thomas
Bettye Key	Bill Middleton	Wilma Prater	Carol Thompson
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Janice Lindsey	Sara Nicks	Carileta Ross	Sharon Wilson
Judy Litherland	Jim & Carrol Nokes	Marilyn Rusk	Carole Wood
Anita Gruber & Carl Long	Melody Olsen	Geri Russell	Lewis & Shirley Woodward
Wesley Madsen	Kathy Olsen	Anne Ross Seldon	Beverly Woollett
Carol Marshall	Don & Barbara Ormand	Laurie & Ronnie Shelby	Barbara Young
J.T. Martin	Walter & Janice Osborne	Taren Smith	
Katherine McCollum	Nelson Parker	Laura Spain	
Ryan, Kevin, Gary McGaw	George & Betty Parr	Beth Sparrow	

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU. The Association has contacted almost every class since the late 1930s groups. The only exceptions are either classes which have not held reunions since we organized in 1996 or the classes which graduated after we organized but before we started putting an invitation in the senior packets. How can **YOU** help? Bring in another member by giving or cajoling or nagging or whatever works on any AHS alumni you know. Watch for updates regarding online memberships and changes to our website. **HELP US REACH A NEW ALL-TIME ENROLLMENT IN 2007.**



AHS Alumni Association Renewal Form

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\$25 - household	-	\$150	
\$10 - renewal	-	\$ 0	

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Class of 1996 ladies back in the gym for the pep rally.



Bowie Hogg and others from the '96 class at their first reunion pep rally.



Neil Tucker, '49, and **Ken Martin, '53,** enjoy seeing Coach again.



The **Workmans** at the reception.



Ann Wolf Conklin, Miss School Spirit for the **Class of 1963**, traveled from Missouri to attend Homecoming.



Mike Wade receives his plaque from **Charlie Marshall** and **President Jim Ball**.

Moratorium on Nominations of Distinguished Colt Alumni

A significant number of nominations for Distinguished Colt Alumni have been sent in over the years. In 1997, the Association bestowed the first of these honors on Judge Tom and Anna Waynette Vandergriff. The Board of Directors has closed nominations for 2007 so that this year's Distinguished Colts will be chosen from the nominations still on file. The honorees for 2007 will be announced at Open House and the awards will be presented at Homecoming. Nomination forms for 2008 will go out in the Winter 2008 newsletter. Thank you for your continuing support of this process.

Romance Report

Patricia Hurley Schleuter, '64, and **John Thomas Harris**, valedictorian for the **Class of '63**, share this about their reuniting and subsequent marriage on December 9 in Washington DC. Patricia writes: *After being retired for five years and divorced for most of my adult life, I married John (known in his AHS days as Tommy) Harris, a retired physician who left Portland, around the world in his 40-foot school sweethearts (yes, there drifted apart while he was in med school in the early 70s. Last other for 35 years, I received was sailing off the coast of Australia. After that, came daily month in August. We quickly soooooo many years ago and discontinued sailing around the years from now, when the boat we have both survived—we will northwest. The engraving on My first, last, and best love.*



Pat and John Thomas Harris on their wedding day last December.

New Members and Upgrades

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| * Laura Merrill Anz, '89 | Kelly Kohn Freeman, '99 | Clete & Susie Wine McAlister, '65 |
| Don Boring, '55 | Toni Grisham, '56 | Jerry McPike, '60 |
| * Billy A. Clark, '56 | * Phillip Herr, '59 | * Alyn G. Merrill, '86 |
| * Brian & Katie Havins Coleman, '96/'99 | Sarah Jones, '85 | Lana Winn Nelson, '65 |
| Amy Earl Crowson, '96 | * Harold Key, '54 | Haley Tune, '01 |
| * Annie Culver, '06 | Brandon Layton, '99 | Carmen Kolb Walker, '56 |
| Christopher Barnes, '06 | Ruth Luebke Johnson, '56 | Debbie Koehl Walker, '68 |
| Florene Hutcheson Mahurin Ducharme, '35 | * Kenneth B. Martin, '53 | Donna Cruse Whittington, '78 |



Former neighbors, **Nick Joy, '63**, and **Kurt Meyer, '53**, greet each other at Homecoming .



Charlie, Wanda, Dorothy, and Joy are ready for action at the Homecoming pep rally.

Colt Corner

The AHS Colt Chorale—46 sophomore, junior and senior boys and a like number of girls—will perform for the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Miami. Choir director **Dinah Dalton Menger, '76**, has led the resurgence of the choir program at AHS over the last 12 years. The ACDA convention received recordings from 287 high school, college and professional choirs. To be one of the 32 chosen is a high honor, indeed. In addition, the Chorale will sing the National Anthem at the Miami Heat/Chicago Bulls basketball game on March 7. Way to go, Colts! We are proud of you.



A young Colt fan models her mom's spirit pants from days gone by. If you know her and her mom, please, send their names (and grad years) to cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net.



Lost Ring Department

An AHS class ring from the **Class of 1975** has been found in Waller, Texas—75 miles north of Houston. Initials **MSF**. Patricia's late brother-in-law found the ring in 1983. After her sister passed away, Patricia found the ring and finally decided to contact the school. If this is your ring, call or write Patricia Shernosky:

PO Box 1444
Waller, TX 77484
936.931.3376.

Special thanks to **Tommy Waldrop, '65**, for his fantastic pictures of the July 4th parade which appeared in the Fall 2006 newsletter.

Reunion Arena

Class of 1957

June 1 & 2
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
Class website: ahs1962.com

Class of 1967

June 2 - Alumni Open House with evening at Cotton Creek Club in Fort Worth.
Contact: Glenda or Ray Cantrell,
eregkc81sbcglobal.net, 817.483.0867

Class of 1997

Planning underway. Details in spring issue.
To join planning committee, contact
megbrown15@sbcglobal.net

HELP US HELP YOU! IF YOUR CLASS IS HAVING A REUNION THIS YEAR, CONTACT MARTHA MOSELEY **TODAY** moseley@sbcglobal.net, 817.275.5338. WE WANT YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER.

Board of Directors — 2007

Mac Martin, '61 - President
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Scholarship Fund

During 2006 the Association has added \$6,000 to the scholarship fund. This included two very generous anonymous donations plus proceeds from our sales of Alumni t-shirts, caps and X-pins.

Another anonymous donor has given \$100 in honor of **James Cribbs, '49**, and in memory of his late brother **Grover, '52**.

Other donors include the following:

Florene Ducharme, '35

Sharron Merrill, '61

Robert Miles, '57

A.C. Phillips, '60

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Benny Wright, '58

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