

Alumni Association

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Arlie's Angels

Can you count yourself among Arlie's Angels? How, you ask? Simple! Give a gift membership to a relative, friend or colleague who is not a member of the AHS Alumni Association. Our graduates constitute an acre of diamonds for Arlington High School and its Alumni Association. For almost 50 years, X-Colts have been stampeding out of Arlington High at the rate of 500 or more a year. Although as many as 25,000 of us may still be kicking out there, we have a membership of just over 600. Think of what we could do for AHS if we could mine that territory and significantly increase our membership. That's why we need Arlie's Angels. In 2008, 153 members are due to renew. Even if all of them send in their \$10, that \$1,530 would only fund one full and one partial scholarship. **OR** it would publish and mail one 12-page newsletter. **BUT it wouldn't do both! And it doesn't allow us to do anything else for our school.**

Since the rest of our members pay no dues because they are Life Members, our cash flow is in serious condition. In 2008 if 400 Life Members would give someone an annual membership for \$20, that would bring our database over the 1000 mark for the first time. In addition, it would pour \$8,000 into our treasury which would allow us to continue giving at least four \$1,000 scholarships this spring. It would underwrite our three mailed newsletters plus the printed program at Open House.

BE AN ANGEL—ONE OF **ARLIE'S ANGELS**—HELP A FORMER COLT DISCOVER...

...HOW SWEET IT IS TO BE BACK IN COLT COUNTRY!

Alumni Open House · June 14 · 10:30am · AHS Cafeteria

President's Letter

Will someone make the years slow down!! No matter when you graduated from AHS, it often seems like yesterday. Perhaps this would be a good time to reflect on what it means to be a **COLT**. For most it means having good memories of your years supporting the Green and White. If you're reading this newsletter then it means you are a Life Member of the Arlington High School Alumni Association—or it means it is time for you to renew your membership. The Alumni Association is your avenue for continued support of AHS.

Increasing our membership will do so many good things for our scholarship giving and other projects which will benefit AHS. If every member would convince a graduate to join the Alumni Association, we could practically double our Scholarship Awards. Please take a look at the Membership Roster online at www.ahscolts-alumni.org, and think about classmates you **don't** see listed there. Urge them to join our efforts. Or be one of **Arlie's Angels** by **giving** a membership for a year!

Please note, we have moved the dates of our annual Open House to June 14, 2008. This is a week later than previous years. The earlier date was in direct conflict with AHS graduation activities. A number of classes will be having their reunions that weekend. Send us reunion information as soon as possible for posting on our web site.

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COLTS FOREVER!

Mac Martin
Mac Martin, '61

Scholars and Scholarships



Chris and Kelly Penland Branigan pose in their graduation regalia.

Along with **Qiana Rollins** (see Fall 2007), **CHRIS BRANIGAN** was one of the original scholarship recipients in 2003. Chris graduated May 2007 from Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma City with a BA in Theology and Ministry.

He married **Kelly Penland**, also AHS Class of '03. She graduated in May 2007 with a BS in Elementary Education from Dallas Baptist University. They have moved to Kansas City where Chris is now studying at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri working for a Masters in Divinity. Congratulations, Chris and Kelly!

In Memoriam Donations to the Scholarship Fund

The following members of the **Class of 1951** have made memorial donations for classmates **Jack Ray Brown** and **Jane Mathes Kelton**:

Frank Barnes
Martha Burnett
Bonnie L. Chambers
Gary Courtright
Phyllis & Ken Forehand
Sarabeth Kimmons
Cheri Tucker McCune
Fay Beth Moore
Mary Jane Pope
Charles B. Robinson
Helen H. Schrickel
Kathleen & Frank Smith
Mary Ann D. Weaver

The **Class of 1957** has given \$150 in memory of three classmates: **Carroll Griffith**, **Jane Little Holland**, **Bonnie Ritter**, **Jim Holland, \$100, in memory of his wife.**

Fund Update

The following letter was sent to scholarship chair **Jannette Workman** after she presented four \$1,000 Alumni Association scholarships at the 2007 Senior Awards Assembly:

We, the class of 2007, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation/help with this year's senior awards assembly. Your interest and support in our seniors have made the awards assembly a success once again this year. Without the efforts of everyone involved, we would not be able to recognize the accomplishments of so many of our deserving seniors here at Arlington High School.

Again, thank you for supporting Arlington High School and the graduating Class of 2007. We look forward to working with you again next year.

Jeremy Stewart - President
AHS Senior Class of 2007

Jannette also received this from 2007 scholar **GILBERT VASQUEZ**:

"I would like to personally thank you for the faith and support you have blessed me with. Your financial aid will go a long way to assist my pursuit of higher education.."

Scholarship Fund Donors

Carrie Bird Bogard	Mickey & Ann McLellan
Jerry Fay Montouri	Ashton Turner Phillips
Tom DeFrank	JoAnn Risher
John Gardner	Teresa Stinson
Bill Hughes	Darrell and Dawn Stovall

And all who bought Alumni Products

Memorial Plaque for Original Arlington High School Building

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, the plaque commemorating the original Arlington High School in use from 1923 - 1956 has been forged and paid for. Plans are now with the landscape design department of the University of Texas at Arlington. We will have an event celebrating the installation of the plaque at the corner of Cooper and Border Streets—once the site of the Homemaking cottage. Final donations for the plaque came in from **Bill Hughes, '48, Paula Richey Crossman, '57, Bowie Hogg, '96**. Thanks to all.

Welcome New Members and New Life Members

A complete roster is updated regularly and posted on our website ahscolts-alumni.org. We welcome these new members and those annual members who have become Life Members since April 2007.

Annual Members

Brandon Albright, '07
Vicky Graves & Jim Baudino, '78/CBC
Thomas Berry, '62
Jim & Barbara Meisner Biggers, '63
Pat Bingham, '57
Martha Wynn Black, '62
Ed Bodiford, '60
Carrie Bird Bogard, '79
Don & Carol Sawyer Boring, '55
Lynda Shope Brandon, '62
Marilyn Cannefax, '65
OK & Donna Darovich Carter, CBC
Chandra Rucker Darling, '88
Bryan Dilger, '97
Tracy Fletcher Dodson, '79
Josh & Pamela Stambulic Duke, '99/'70
Steve & Judy O'Halloran East, '62
Bonny Jo Black Edmonds, '54
Jane Favor, '62
John Gardner, '57
Bill Hubbard, '63
Valerie Klem, '97
Russell Kost, '82
Rose Marie Kevil Marvin, '57
Karissa Keith McElmurray, '74
Doug & Donna Kay Turner Middleton, '63/'67
Jerry Fay Carter Montouri, '57
Beverly Bennett Mosher, '83
Roger Mueller, '59
Ashton Turner Phillips, '05
Sandy & Janet Baker Smith, '62/'66
David Standish, '70
James Sutton, '63
Elizabeth Thomas Williams, '39
Judy Biggers Wilson, '57
Jimmy Zimmerman, '61

Life Members

Dan & Becky Martin Armstrong, '63
Mike and Nicky Whitfield Austin, '90
Sandi Patten Barger, '78
Austin & Corey Barger, '04/'08
Alicia Barger Delaurio, '00
Patricia Flenniken Box, '57
Craig Davis, '82
Tom DeFrank, '63
Dan Dipert, '82
Theresa Reichenstein Gilmore, '74
Carol Courtney Haslett, '64
Nora Cotton Heiliger, '57
Irish & Vyeann Fisher Jones, '62/'63
Charles Kiser, '01
Mark Lamkin, '62
Andre' Landry, '88
Mary Ann Starns Laney, '96
Richard Malec, '61
Larry McFadin, '57
David & Sharon McFarland Love, '80/'78
Ruth Kuntzweil Milburn, '55
Willa Hugdahl Mills, '75
Jerry Garrison Morris, '59
Tiffany Thomas Myers, '86
Rhonda Hilbun Nicks, '77
John Norris, '84
David Peterson, '65
Charla Hawkes Price, '71
Darrell & Dawn White Stovall, '78
Dave Walsh, '84
Brent Williams, '77
Floyd Wine, '63
Tom Wood, '61

Milestones

Passings: **George Mann, '30**, January...**Jack Ray Brown, '51**, September...**Kay Brasher Coker, '51**, October...**Jane Mathes Kelton, '51**, October...**Stephen Spears, '53**, January 2008...**Wynelle Brown Eubanks, '54**, October...**Bill Walker, '55**, former president of Auburn University, August...**Carroll Griffith, '57**, July 2006...**Donna Jane Little Holland, '57**, September...**Bonnie Gene Ritter, '57**, November...**Jim White, '57**, February...**Phyllis Colyer Alford, '58**, March 2001...**Bill Rayborn, '60**, August...**Carolyn Scottino, '61**, November...**David Bodkins, '62**, September 2006...**David Bronstad, '62**, October...**Harold Lawing, '62**, date unknown...**Patricia Bohannon Menz, '64**, September 2005...**Doyle Lynn Monthey, '64**, November...**Scott Marpe, '77**, August. [All dates 2007 unless noted.]

Congratulations: **Meg Brown, '97**, received the Bold Woman award from the Tarrant County Girls' Inc. organization in August...**Kristie Havins, '02**, married Jordan Rivera July 21...**Kati Garrison, '03**, married Micheal Thompson May 12.

Notable: **Mr. John Webb** has moved from Arlington to live nearer his family. He wants everyone to know he is well and would love to hear from you. We hope he comes back to visit us soon.

His new address is: 214 Horse Head Point Drive • Seneca, SC 29672 • 864.653.9121

Romance Report

Here is the latest in a series of stories on **Colt Couples**. Like other high school friends or sweethearts, **Alma Woody** and **Bill Ripley**, both **Class of 1973**, rediscovered one another decades after graduation. Here is their story—in their own words:

Alma and Bill were inseparable “best friends” who were wise enough to suffer through only one awkward date in high school. We went our separate ways after college, only bumping into each other a few times over the years. Not long ago, we found ourselves both divorced and living in Albuquerque where we got together again as friends. Since we were already “best friends,” it didn't take long for romance to take over. We were married in April 2003. We have four children between us and have a **VERY** happy, healthy blended family. We have both found the love which everybody should have.

Bill who attended Texas A&M and graduated from UTA is an electrical engineer for General Electric. Bill travels the USA, Asia and Australia selling electronic computer equipment to military and aerospace customers for GE.

Alma attended Howard Payne University and received her Masters from NTSU (now UNT, University of North Texas). She has been a music teacher, principal, school administrator and consultant in various school districts. Alma has recently retired and is raising our youngest son who is still at home.

Cheerio from Brisbane, Australia and Kick 'em, Colts!

Bill and Alma Ripley



Alma and Bill in Nashville.

*For the Spring Issue
Send Milestones and
Romance Reports
to the PO Box or to:
cathybbrown@sbcglobal.net
Deadline: March 15, 2008*

Nominations Open for.....2008 Distinguished Colt Alumni Awards

Nominate an AHS graduate who typifies the spirit of Arlington High through attitude and accomplishments. The Board of Directors will select the 2008 honorees. See page 6.

—Distinguished Colt Alumni Roll Call—

1997

Tom Vandergriff, '43
Anna Waynette Smith Vandergriff, '44

1998

Tom Cravens, '60
Barbara Nash Kight, '57

1999

Bill Bardin, '24
Cathy Bontley Brown, '63

2000

Greg Friess, '71
Jane Crews Friess, '71

2001

Michael Ditto, '55
Lt. Robert Perry Mills, Jr., '59
(posthumous)
Natalee Davis Parr, '28
Jane Robin Ellis, Colt by Choice

2002

Tillie Lester Burgin, '54
Carl Knox, '40
Phillip Stork, '49
Dean Corey, Colt by Choice
(posthumous)

2003

Robert Fielder, '25
(posthumous)
Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48
Gene Schrickel, '44
John Webb, Colt By Choice

2004

William Conner, '36
Gary Martin, '53
Frank Smith, '43
Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51
Margie Austin, Colt by Choice

2005

Alan Austin, '69
Ben Pierce, '72

Anne Ross Berg Seldon, '53
Ernest Wilemon, '43
Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55

2006

Charlie Key, '59
(posthumous)
Charles Marshall, '51
Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49

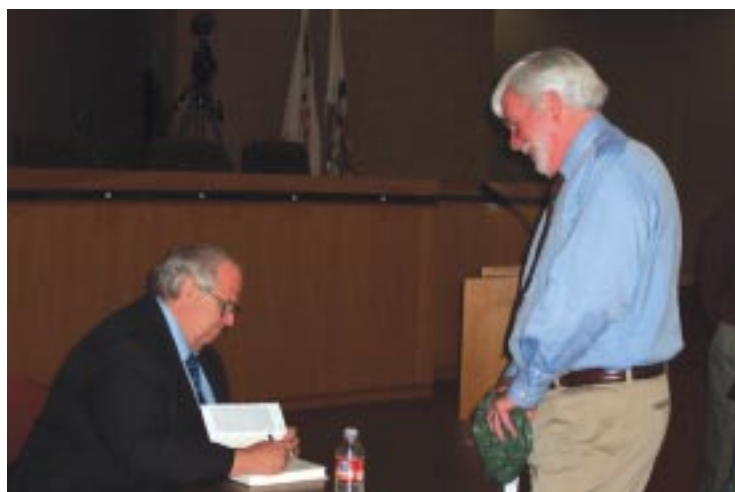
Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49
Mike Wade, '76
Mayfield Workman, Colt By Choice

2007

Tom DeFrank, '63
Bill Hughes, '48
Dinah Dalton Menger, '77



Honorees for 2007—**Tom DeFrank, Dinah Dalton Menger, Bill Hughes**—stand under the Alumni banner at the Tailgate party.



At November's book signing sponsored by the Arlington Public Library, **Tom DeFrank** signs a copy of his latest book for classmate **Dennis Webber**.

Honorees will be announced at Open House June 14 with major events at Homecoming.

Fill out form online at ahscolts-alumni.org following link on home page OR complete the Nomination Form below and return by **March 15, 2008** to:

AHS Alumni · PO Box 152578 · Arlington, TX 76015

Nominee _____ Class of _____

Address _____

Phone _____

In the space below or on a separate sheet, give specific examples of your nominee's achievements here in Arlington and/or beyond. Briefly, tell us why you think this person deserves to be added to the Distinguished Colt Alumni Honor Roll.

Your name _____ Class of _____

Phone _____ email _____

A Birthday Surprise!

The Class of 1954 surprised **Jane Robin Ellis** on Monday, January 21, with a birthday party at Arlington Steak House. Members of this class have met together regularly for 20 years. Currently, their usual meetings take place at JGilligans on the third Tuesday at 6:00. They have between 10 and 25 people at these monthly get-togethers. Fourteen of them honored Miss Ellis with cake, flowers, and many smiles.

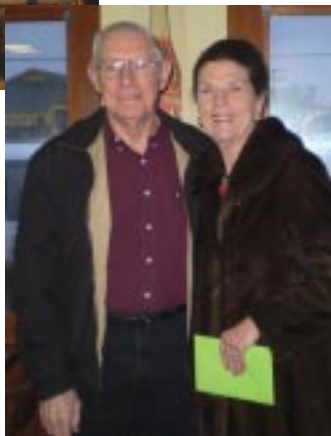
Miss Ellis, legendary AHS Choir teacher from the 1940s through 1974, is still a legend and directs the Alumni Choir's practice and performance at each Open House.



Surprise registers on Miss Ellis' face when she realizes her birthday includes a party!



Jannette Workman presents the birthday lady with yellow roses.



Neal Estes, '52, and **Wanda Peek Estes** join in the celebration.



Miss Ellis gets a hug from **Judge John Forbes.**

Reunion Arena

Class of 1948

60th RoundUp

June 13: JGilligans

June 14: Alumni Open House,
Celebration at Crown Suites Hotel.

Contact: Frances Ditto Jennings,
817.795.0634 or Beverly Bohannon
Reynolds, 817.275.6452, qbev1@aol.com

Fabulous Fifties

October 18: Location TBA.

Details coming in early summer.

Mary Bennett, 817.379.4002,
marykeller@verizon.net

Class of 1958

June 13: JGilligans

June 14: Open House at AHS;
evening at Rolling Hills CC

Contacts: Tom Joy, 281-844-6260;
Elaine Barker 817-275-0196.

Class of 1959

Meets every first Tuesday at
JGilligans from 6:15 - 8:30

Class of 1963

June 13: Tony's Pizza

June 14: Open House at AHS;
evening at The White Room

Contact: Joyce Heffington Preisser,
972.851.0642, jmpreiss@swbell.net

Class of 1978

Planning a big Saturday event for Homecoming
weekend. Contact: Melanie Halpin Milone,
mjmilone@sbcglobal.net

No word yet from other "8" and "3" classes. If you have any information on reunions for these groups, please send to: Tommy Waldrop, texastommy@sbcglobal.net and Martha Moseley, mmoseley@sbcglobal.net.



The Class of 1957 Golden Reunion connected **Sonja Hinshaw Green, Joe Provence, and Daisy Lowry Admire.**



Sumi Nagashima, who was AHS' foreign exchange student from Japan, returned for the October reunion of the Class of 1962. Welcoming her back are **Suzie Deering Blackwell, DeeDee Mosby Winter, Stevie Campbell Huff, Beverly Caddell Ferrell, and Beverly Stanford Frank.**



Holly McMillan, Molly Troxell Pettigrew, Tiffany Teague, Meg Brown and Shawn Nicolle enjoy the Class of 1997 reunion in September.

Renewal Time!

Renew by sending in \$10 by **March 15, 2008**. This not only keeps your name on the database for the spring newsletter mailing but also keeps it on the roster posted on ahscolts-alumni.org. Upgrades to Life Member are always welcome with \$100/individual or \$150/household. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and note you have the option to receive notice of the newsletter's posting on the website if you prefer reading it there and not receiving a hard copy.

If your name is NOT listed below, your membership is current through 2008. Send check to:

AHS Alumni · PO Box 152578 · Arlington, Texas 76015

To renew online: go to ahscolts-alumni.org, and follow the link on home page.

Gala Arambula & Marshel McCormick	Charlese Duff	Ruth Johnson
John Ball	Sydney Eller	Bill Jones
Champ Barnes	John & Jane Elliott	Sarah Jones
Brenda & Lindsey Barnes	Kenneth & Donna Fabel	Tom & Judy Joy
Susan Steele Barrett	Phyllis & Ken Forehand	Nick Joy
Sylvia Bradley Barrett	Effie & Shirley Foster	Mary, Christopher, Kelly Kiefhaber
Kristen Batchelor	Dolores Foster	Colby & Barbara Kight
Nancy Kevil Baxter	John & Beverly Frank	Bill Kirby
David & Ruby Beard	William Fuller	Candace Latimer
Daniel Beaver	Linda Gipson	Mary Lee Leatherwood
Tiffany Bingham	Lila Glenn	Gwynethe Lewis
Tony Bradley	Donald Goodwin	Judy Litherland
Dennis Bradley, Jr.	Crystal Gore	Carl & Anita Jinks Long
Violet Broome	Dan Gould	Wesley Madsen
Robert Broughton II	Vickie Gray	Jill Malo
Truman & Kitty Bryce	Bruce Grenvall	Nancy Marak
Wally Bryce	Toni Grisham	Carol Marshall
Mickey Bryce, Sr.	Dora Hale	Marsha Matlock
Janet Buckelew	Joe & Sharon Hall	Clete & Susie McAlister
Gwen Burk	Gigi Haltom	Katherine McCollum
Miriam Bush	Earl Eric Hansen	Gary, Ryan, Kevin McGaw
Carroll & Judith Butler	Pattie Hardin	Mike & Ann McLellan
Tammy Calandro	Fay Harmon	Jerry McPike
Will Canon & Mallory Petersen	Nan Harris	Bill Middleton
Sammie Carter	Rush & Jane Hart	Mary Lou Moore
Tia Tanco Cash	Terri Haugaard	Frank Moree
Thomas Champion	Les Hicks	David & Patsy Nation
Kent Cherry	Mildred Hilbun	Barbara Neisel
Jamie Cisneros	James Hogland	Bill & Sabra Nesbitt
Pamela Copeland	Virginia Hollingsworth	Frank Newby
Rosemary Cox	Barbara Hughes	Melody Olsen
Lisa Renee Creamier	Renae Humburn	Kathy Olsen
Sue Davis	Vance Hunt	George & Betty Parr
Wendel Decker	Pat Hyden	Matthew Patton
Helen Deering	Owen & Yvonne Ivie	Susan Pepper
Jennifer Derring	Jennifer Jarzabski	Rush Pierce, Jr.
Harry Norvel Disch	Dave & Reecanne Joeckel	Bob & Barbara Poe
Florene Ducharme	Margaret Johnson	Lanette & Gene Posey

Wilma Prater
Edward Rankin
Jim Reynolds
Doug Rice family
Rutheann Richardson
Marshall Rodriguez, Jr.
Saenz/Yarbrough family
Ann Sanders
Danielle Schartz
Summer Schartz
Wally & Sammie Shackelford
Tony Shaffer

Jimmy & Nancy Siler
Stephens/Ryan family
Stevie Tackett
Virginia Terrell
Tracey Thomas
Bob Thompson
Carol Thompson
Kati Garrison Thompson
Bill & Gwen Thornton
Debi Turner
Lynda Vibrock
Neal Walker

Bill & Bobbye Walker
Debbie Walker
Mary Ann & Richard Weaver
Mike Webber
Doris Whitlock
Donna Whittington
Kathryn Willis
Marvin & Betty Willis
Sharon Wilson
Lana Winn
Carole Wood
Lewis & Shirley Woodward

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Give a gift membership **TODAY!**

Special thanks to **Art Bird, '54**, for his three years of service as the AHS Alumni Association Treasurer. Art kept us financially informed and balanced – and he also brought so many good ideas to this organization. Art's position has been filled by **Gordon Cannoles, '67**. We also welcome new Board members, **Mike Enger, '74**, and **Linda Garner Gipson, '61**, and say a grateful goodbye to **Jim Ball, '59** along with **Alvin and Martha Moseley, '65 & '66**.

Mac Martini

AHS Alumni Association Renewal/New Member Form

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

Join online at ahscolts-alumni.org

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Dues Enclosed \$ _____

Date _____

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

Address _____
(Street)

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

E-Mail _____ Form of Payment Cash Check

Check your preference: Newsletter by regular mail by email notification

Payable to: **AHS Alumni P.O. Box 152578 Arlington, TX 76015 817.261.1512 ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net**

Given by **Arlie's Angel** _____
name phone

Alumni Tailgate Party - Homecoming 2007

Arlington High is all about tradition, such as, the over-the-top Homecoming pep rally. Association Vice-President **Erin Chaney** and Special Events Chair **Jo McGovern** started a new tradition by hosting the first annual Tailgate Party in the parking lot of Maverick Stadium. Hot dogs and lemonade were provided; past president **Jim Ball** introduced the Distinguished Colt honorees; the **Alumni Band** played. Afterwards, the Distinguished Colts were introduced on the field in pre-game ceremonies.



Early in the day, the Colt Cheerleaders go all out in decorating the gym for the pep rally.



Sonny Wooten and Cindy Crayton Wilson greet **Mr. John Webb** at the Tailgate Party.



Distinguished Colt Alumni—**Bill Hughes, '48, Dinah Dalton Menger, '77, and Tom DeFrank, '63**—wait to be introduced to the exes at the Tailgate Party.



Jim Ball, on a makeshift podium, tells the crowd why **Dinah Menger** has been named a Distinguished Colt.



Bowie Hogg enjoys meeting **Wanda and Charles Marshal**—DCA honorees in 2006—and this year's honoree, **Bill Hughes**.



Mike Enger, Jo Colliflower McGovern and **Peggy Wood Martin** meet and greet.

Homecoming 2007: Good Friends, Good Times



Jo McGovern and Alvin Moseley keep the hot dogs coming.



The Alumni Band enlivens the parking lot with traditional Colt songs.



Joyce Heffington Preisser signs in with Sharron Chapman Merrill while Charles Scholwinski and Paul Swartz chat in the background.



Jim Ball and Tom DeFrank visit while waiting on the track for pre-game ceremonies to begin.



Jim Sutton and Floyd Wine watch as classmate and Distinguished Colt Tom DeFrank is honored before the stadium crowd.



Mike Soward, Jim Murphy, Tom DeFrank and Jim Falvo visit at the Class of 1963's post-game gathering.

