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SOME SUNSET MEMORIES

by Faye Lynn King

Bus Cards 10-minute parking markings on the curbs Mr. Johns' being the voice of the Bison Oma Ford's tan line on her ankles (this was years before short socks were in vogue) Mrs. Cogdell's spending a whole semester on the AFL-CIO Hating those baggy gym uniforms Going to Morning Meditations in the school before it was a legal issue Wearing scratchy petticoats The chimes on the PA from Mr. Miller's office before announcements Having to speak only Spanish to Mr Johns after Spanish 4 Typing on manual typewriters that didn't even HAVE a turn-on button Going to Pan Am Student Forums in Austin in 1957 when the Trinity was as high as from this year's floods Buying football tickets in the lunchroom from Jane Cervantes Having to eat fish on Fridays in the lunchroom Listening to "In the Still of the Night" The guys who wore slide rules on their belts the white wrought iron archway on the stage for Senior Day Thinking how fine '57 Chevies were George Ann Brockman being a leap-year child.

OAK CLIFF, TEXAS

by Max Maris

There is a move on in Oak Cliff to "de-annex" from Dallas and become a separate city once again. This year, 1990, marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the city of Oak Cliff, when it was touted by developers as the Cambridge of the South.

Oak Cliff was partially planned by the man who founded Highland Park. Dallas annexed Oak Cliff in the early 1900's because of things like rich residents (i.e. taxpayers), beautiful hilly, wooded terrain, and several sources of Artesian water. Now, after all these years of being snubbed and exiled outside the gates of "Moat City", many of the present 300,000 Oak Cliffers would like to try it on their own. They feel like they are over-taxed and do not get their fair share of city services and representation on the city council.

My experiences in growing up in Oak Cliff left me with fond memories. I felt then that Oak Cliff was separate from Dallas and I seldom had to "cross the viaduct" until after graduation. Oak Cliff had everything I wanted and it was not necessary to go to Dallas for shopping, entertainment, or to dine out. My mother still lives in the same house where I grew up, and it will always be home to me.

BISON SPORTS TRIVIA

Woodrow Wilson High School boasts proudly of its two Heisman Trophy winners, but three former Sunset Bisons from the '50s have participated in Super Bowls. All took part in the 1990 "Battle of the Bisons". Name them.

Answer elsewhere in this newsletter.

An EDDIEtorial

The first issue of this newsletter was well received. Enough money came in to pay for two editions. However we can still use financial assistance for future editions. I know several of you intended to mail a check, but it just slipped your mind. It is still not too late to help sponsor this project.

There are some people who are not able to help sponsor the newsletter and some who do not want to. That is fine. You will continue to receive the newsletter. For reasons that I think are obvious, I choose not to publish the finances of this project, but I am sending complete reports of income and expenses to Honest Max Maris, lest anyone think I am doing this for profit.

I have had three questions asked repeatedly: (1) How much should I send?, (2) To whom do I make the check?, and (3) Where do I send it?

(1) I will let you decide what to send. Any help is appreciated. I cannot set a subscription rate unless I limit the letter to only those who subscribe. That defeats the purpose of the newsletter.

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(2) Make the check to Eddie Cullum or The Herd. I'll find a way to cash the check, regardless of how you make it.

(3) Mail it to THE HERD, P. O. Box 861905, Plano TX 75086.

This issue begins what I think will be the most interesting part of the newsletter, the letters I receive. I hope you have as much fun reading them as I did. Other people will enjoy hearing from you, also. Please take the time to write.

OAK CLIFF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

by Max Maris

Did you know Greiner Jr. High will soon be demolished? A new \$8.2 million Greiner Middle School building is almost completed at the southwest corner of 12th and Edgefield. The old gym (built in 1918) and swimming pool will remain and be used as a YMCA youth center.

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Remember De Salvo's Italian Restaurant on Jefferson between Cockrell Hill and Arcadia Park? Well, its still there and Mrs. De Salvo serves great Italian food three days a week. The front neon sign and Christmas lights inside have not changed.

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The only drive-in theater left in Dallas is the Astro on Loop 12 in Oak Cliff.

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Almost everyone knows the story of how Sunset won the state championship in football in 1950 under coach Byron Rhome. But, how many of you know that Sunset won the state championship in baseball in 1949 under coach J. C. "Abe" Barnett? Sunset compiled a 16-0 record for the season, defeating Galveston in the championship game by a score of 8-5. Coach Barnett, who is recognized as "Mr. Sunset", died in 1988 at the age of 83. Sunset was always considered a contender in baseball under Coach Barnett's leadership.

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From THE OAK CLIFF TRIBUNE:

"30 years ago: Flowerland, located at 121 W. Colorado, advertised graduation corsages with three carnations for only \$1.00 and orchids in pastel tones for only \$1.50.

"Roland Ellis, 333 W. Jefferson, advertised sportcoats for \$23.80 and Florshiem shoes for \$16.80. Smartly tailored broadcloth shirts were 3 for \$11.50.

"July 15, 1970 - A fabulous forties legend, 'Sivil's Drive-In', faded into Oak Cliff history as the nationally-known drive-in was demolished. Owners J.D. and Louise Sivils coined the word 'drive-in' in 1938 when they opened their first facility in Houston."

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IDEA: If anyone has any information on any of the teachers we had at Sunset, please let us know and we will publish your article in the next newsletter. Information could include things such as birthplace, age, education, family, where they now live (if still alive), and, if possible, what they have been doing since our graduation.

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REMEMBER? How about "The Torch" Restaurant on Davis across from Sivil's. It is closed now but I still remember the Greek food they served. Their specialty was Beef Souflaki with rice. The pastry was delicious. Makes my mouth water just thinking about it.

LETTERS

Dear Eddie,
Received the newsletter, "The Herd" - enclosed is a donation and my new address. I have been back in Texas almost a year so I am really glad the P.O. forwarded the newsletter.

Penny Mote Collier, 13 Mullaney Rd, Greenville, TX 75401

Dear Eddie,
What a great surprise to receive The Herd and what a wonderful idea. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed reading every word of it and the super memories you enabled me to re-live. For 27 years I have been bragging about the "Sunset legacy" to my husband and you provided great reinforcement.

I am so in hopes of returning to Dallas for the next reunion and am in real hopes of continuing to receive this newsletter. How much I'd love to see all the classmates and I was so sad to read of the deaths. I've stayed in touch over the years with Leanne Barton Todd and knew of Larry's death

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but did not know of the others. The list of missing classmates really surprised me - how large it is. It made me realize how large our graduating class was. I must admit I don't remember your landing in detention hall that much but I do remember the eighth grade dance we went to together and the red carnation corsage you gave me. A lot of water over the dam since then.

Just a quick update on my life since 1958. I graduated from the University of Louisville with a teaching degree and teach History/English now. Married after I graduated to Fred. He is an engineer and graduated from Vanderbilt. We've moved all over the United States and have been in California for eight years. We have two sons, one married and working for NBC in Hollywood, and the other a swim coach for Cal State. My dad passed away four years ago and my mom has been in the throes of Alzheimers for 10 years. We moved them from Dallas 5 years ago.

I truthfully can say my teaching career has gleaned much from the influence of Hattie Lee Hornbeak and Miss St. Clair. But I've used and continue to draw off their expertise.

Please keep me on your mailing list.

Jean Baltzell Riggs, 24601 Saturna, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Dear Eddie,

I just spent some enjoyable, relaxing time back in the '50s due to "The Herd". Thank you for taking the time to do this for the class of '58. Enclosed is my check to help.

Please change my address. The last contact I had with Linda Austin Steinford was in '83. At that time her address was 1302 Woodridge Cr., Euless TX 76039.

Do we have a compiled list of our classmates who have deceased since graduation? I would be interested in seeing this in a future newsletter. My vote for '93 would be a picnic because of the informality, availability of moving about freely to visit with everyone. My favorite thing we have ever done was the '88 breakfast at Sunset. This gave me a lot of informal, unhurried visiting plus a nostalgic walk in the halls of Sunset.

Do you remember when Lake Cliff Park had paddle boats and an elderly couple ran a fresh orange juice stand across the

street on Zangs? They were the only people I knew who spent winters in Florida.

Sally Philbrick Smith, 1913 Lakewood Dr., Center, TX 75935

Dear Eddie,

I love the idea of a Sunset Newsletter and the first one you sent was a delight. I hope you will be able to continue. Due to my health I don't get out much anymore and this would be a wonderful way to keep in touch. It has been a long time since I have heard from or seen my classmates, and this would at least let me know how they are doing.

I noticed Nelda Fulmer is listed as a missing classmate. She married a man named Gene Jackson and they live in Balch Springs. Sorry, I don't have her address.

Enclosed is my check. Good luck with the newsletter.

JoAnn Mordah Shelton, 530 S Cockrell Hill Rd, Dallas, TX 75211

(ED. NOTE: We called Nelda and got her address)

Dear Eddie,

I just received my copy of "The Herd", and really enjoyed it. It brought back old memories, all pleasant. My mother enjoyed it also. Thank you for devoting the time to do this. Here is my contribution.....keep it coming.

I missed our 30 year reunion because of prior vacation plans with four other people. I talked with some who attended. I am sorry to have missed it. Yes, lets have another at 35.

Charles Hilliard is, or was, a Duncanville policeman. Tanya Harris is now Tanya Meyers. Her husband is my insurance man.

Karolyn Harris Milson, 1230 N Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

(ED. NOTE: We now have Tanya's address. Super Sleuth Dick Webb is on the trail of Hilliard)

Dear Eddie,

Thanks for your work on the 30 year reunion. The newsletter is a tremendous idea. You are correct - it has to go to everyone whether or not they pay.

I was sorry to hear about three deaths. I would like to see you publish a list of all the class members known to be deceased in a future newsletter.

Regarding the next reunion I just ask that you not forget that many have to travel long distances. Having the main event on a Saturday helps a lot (Friday PM-Saturday AM to get to Dallas, Sunday to get home). Also the video was a good idea. I missed the last reunion due to a last minute emergency but was able to enjoy it through the video.

Tell Max Maris to keep on writing those nice editorials. Keep up the good work and thanks for all your efforts.

Bill Clark, MD, 2930 Hillrise #5, Las Cruces, NM, 88001

Dear Eddie,

Your Idea for a class newsletter is a great one. Having lived in San Antonio for 26 years, I have not been able to keep up with anyone from our class. I enjoyed the first edition of your newsletter and I am looking forward to more. Enclosed is my check to help defray some of the expenses.

I would like to get my two cents in with regard to the next reunion. Yes, I would attend a reunion in 1993. I would prefer to have a banquet at a hotel ballroom, as opposed to a picnic in the park. A hotel environment is much better for someone having to come from out of town because it makes it easier to stay at the same hotel where the function is being held. At 50 years of age, I am past the point of enjoying sunburn, mosquitoes and poison ivy. A nice evening with old friends, such as the last reunion, is much more appealing at this point in my life.

Paul Reddy, 112 E. Pecan, Ste. 2400, San Antonio, TX 78205

Dear Eddie,

Enjoyed receiving the newsletter, it's a great idea. I missed the 30 year reunion but am looking forward to the 35.

I am enclosing a few "missing" names and a "voluntary sponsor" contribution. Good Luck.

Betty Thomas Brown, 302 Brookwood , Duncanville, TX 75116

Hi Eddie,

Enclosed is my check. I think the newsletter is a great idea. I ran into Evelyn Spencer Cramer the other day. I told her I wanted to be on the next reunion committee. I never got to do much in school so I want to make up for it now.

I won a trip to Puerto Vallarta from KVIL in May. Jack Schell didn't have anything to do with it, really. Ron Chapman and his wife, Nancy, went along.

I am glad you came to my house for that Hawaiian Fling, it was so much fun. We need to have another one soon. Don't forget to contact me for the reunion committee.

Gerri Horton Cooley, 1219 Academy Dr., Arlington, TX 76013

Dear Eddie,

Thanks for the copy of The Herd. You have a great idea. Hope it works. Enclosed is my check to help get it off the ground.

Ann Kellam Collier, 1700 Prestonwood, Arlington, TX 76012

Dear Eddie,

What a great idea to keep us all in touch with each other. Unfortunately I missed the last reunion but perhaps I can make the next one.

In the meantime here is my bio. I might include that I live on a beautiful boathouse in Sausalito, California which is one of the most desired places in the world to live. I hope you can come out and see Marin County sometime.

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Lets's hope you get enough responses to get the newsletter going.

Jean Conger, Yellow Ferry Harbor #9, Sausalito, CA 94965

(ED. NOTE: Among other things, Jean is a financial advisor in San Rafael. She has an MBA in International Management and an MS in Financial Planing/Tax. She also teaches at the College of Marin and Sonoma State College.)

Eddie,
I think it's a great idea for the newsletter, and your volunteering to do it. Are you turning responsible, or what?

I love it, to see you involved in this, especially since you and I were so close in college. That first year is a tough one and you and I were great buddies; I'll always remember that time when we were roomies with fondness.

Congrats on your marriage. I'd love to meet her some time when I'm in Dallas.

Tim Hollingsworth, 2211 Norfolk #728, Houston, TX 77098

(ED. NOTE: I remember the Saturday morning my college roomie and friends carried my mattress to the parking lot and put it on top of a car. I was sleeping in it at the time.)

Howdy!
Received the June 1990 newsletter and was happy to hear that some brave folks are keeping the momentum going for another reunion in 1993. Let me add that I truly enjoyed the 1988 edition much to my surprise.

I am down in Panama now as the Director of Intelligence for the US Southern Command (and yes, we were here during the Dec. '89 operation). We expect to be here until July 1991.

I've enclosed a small check to help with expenses. Keep up the good work. I look forward to more news from yesteryears.

Michael M. Schneider, BRIGADIER GENERAL, USA, PSC Box 1871, APO Miami FL 34003.

(ED. NOTE: Congratulations from all your classmates. Let us know as you accumulate more stars.)

Eddie,
Your newsletter looks great and Max tells me the response has been good. I look forward to more.

In June I spent two weeks on Cliffdale. Our street seems smaller now - and sadder with no Cullums, Nortons, Weeks or Edwards.

Sharon Wrede Jones (Class of '57), 512 Lawnmeadow, Richardson, TX 75080

Ed,
The newsletter is very well done - enjoyed it very much. Here are copies of a couple of articles from today's Dallas Morning News that are very interesting. At last, here's a donation.

Connie (Mitchell Lemaster), Evelyn (Spencer Cramer), Janice (Starkey McClendon), Rachel (Kirk Yates), Carol (Mash Walker), Marcia (Reasor Miller) and I have had a great time this year celebrating the "Big 50" together. If it fits, you might wish everyone a "Happy 50". The newsletter is a really great idea. Thanks to you and Max for doing it.

Judy Shugart Culpepper, 934 Fairlawn, Duncanville, TX 75116

(ED. NOTE: The articles were too long to print and were hard to condense. One concerned reunions and the other discussed the de-annexation of Oak Cliff. See article by Max Maris.)
AND TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF YOUR CLASSMATES: HAPPY "50"

ANSWER TO BISON SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Jerry Mays, Class of 1957, played in Super Bowl I and was a member of the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl IV World Championship team.
2. Jerry Rhome, Class of 1960, was a coach for the World Champion Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XVII and also in Super Bowl XXII.
3. Bill Melton, Class of 1958, was the Public Address Announcer in Super Bowls VI, VIII, and IX.

Mays and Rhome played in the Battle of the Bisons, won by the '60 class, 24-0. Melton was the announcer.

THE HERD MIGRATES

One of the reasons that we wanted to experiment with the idea of a newsletter was to keep our mailing list as accurate as possible. On the back page of issue one we printed many classmates whose where-about's were unknown. Thanks to you, many of them have been located and are reading this newsletter. In the mean-time some of the addresses we had for the 1988 reunion are out-of-date as the post office has returned newsletter one marked "forwarding order expired" except as otherwise indicated. If you know how to contact any of these Bisons or the ones on page 4 of issue one, please send the information to us.

- (1) Don Autrey on Emily Rd in Dallas,
- (2) Sidney Bergoon and Tommie Blalack Bergoon on Seabrook in Midland,
- (3) Tommie Blanton on Vinewood in Dallas,
- (4) James Chase on Birkdale in Kerville,
- (5) Fred Clements in Mechanisville, MD,
- (6) Linda Jones Davis "not known" on Overview Ln in Garland,
- (7) Lois Richter Hardin on Fontenelle in Houston,
- (8) Winnie Faye Burnett Kidwell on Cherry in Duncanville,
- (9) Caterina Agerlid Langhart in Sayreville, NJ,
- (10) Ronnie Mathiedas "no fwd Address" on Hawthorne in Grand Prairie,
- (11) Diane Sockwell Milliken in Florrisant, CO,
- (12) Robert Richards in Goldsboro, NC,
- (13) Carol Anne Paullus Spano in Italy, TX,
- and (14) Paul Strickland "insuf addr" on W. Parker in Plano.

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 * though summer turns to winter *
 * and the present disappears, *
 * the laughter we were glad to share *
 * will echo through the years. *
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 * When other nights and other days *
 * may find us gone our separate ways, *
 * we will have these moments to remember." *
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DECEASED CLASSMATES

We have had some requests to publish a list of known deceased classmates. If you know of others, please let us know.

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| B. J. Bushman | Mary Jane Carrell | Bobby Cooke |
| Robert Gandy | Don Frizzell | Sammy Sapp |
| Loretta Wagner | Herschel Loudermilk | Jerry Carpenter |
| Frank Reiser | Norman Stivers | Mary Stuart |
| Jimmy Pickard | Eugene Clay | C. H. McClarty |
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