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2004 SUNSET ROUNDUP

When: September 17, 2005.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Oak Cliff Country Club
2200 W. Red Bird Lane

Cost: \$17.00 per person

The Class of 1945 will be honored on their 60th anniversary. We will also be recognizing the Class of 1940 on their 65th anniversary and the Class of 1935 on their 70th anniversary.

If you have memorabilia you would like to share, please bring it along and we will provide a display table for you.

We will pay a special honor to our long time finder of "lost" Bisons, Kathryn Gillmour Fox '41, who still is ailing as this is being written.

ROSALIE'S MOVED

Why, you might ask, does Rosalie Smith Worsham's change of address rate a headline?

Here's why. Rosalie, who is treasurer of our group, will be receiving the reservations for the Roundup in September. Therefore, it is important for you to know so that your reservation (and any other info you may want known) is not

delayed.

Rosalie also receives newsletter donations and any other contributions that need to be deposited in our bank account.

Mail sent to any of the contacts listed on the last page will eventually work its way to Rosie. But, if you have something that is time sensitive, like a Roundup reservation, send it directly to Rosie at: Rosalie Smith Worsham, 1920 Robinson Road, Apt. 705, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051. Her phone number is 972-602-1303.

Her email address has changed since the last newsletter went out. It is rosababe@sbcglobal.net.

DALLAS LUNCHEONS

Monthly chat sessions, otherwise known as Sunset luncheon groups continue. Reservations not needed. Just show up, eat and talk.

The **Third Saturday** group meets at the Texas Land & Cattle Steak House, 3130 Lemmon Ave. at Cole St. in the Oak Lawn area. At the July 16th luncheon, there were 19 people present.

The **Last Saturday** Group, formerly known as the **'42 Girls** group, meets on the **last** Saturday

of the month at the Celebration Restaurant, 4503 W. Lovers Lane near Love Field. Five girls and four guys were at the July 30th luncheon.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

If your last newsletter looked different to you, there was a reason.

For years the newsletter was assembled by the Third Saturday Luncheon group following their lunch. After Bettye Brewer Olive '45 had the newsletter printed, she would take it to the luncheon and the people there would get it ready for mailing. Sometimes the servers at the restaurant would pitch in and help.

The luncheon group would apply the mailing labels, stick on a first class stamp and staple the newsletter shut. Then, Bettye would tote the boxes of newsletters to the post office for mailing.

When the luncheon attendance was 50 or more, this tedious chore was shared by all. Plus, the time for fellowship was extended by an hour or so. As the luncheon attendance has steadily dropped, the work became slightly burdensome.

We wondered if there was a better way. And, sure enough, there was. Bettye found a direct mailing

company that could handle the whole mailing thing for us at a reasonable price. In fact, we are saving money because they let us use their mailing permit which saves on postage.

So now your address is printed on the front of the newsletter instead of on a mailing label. Also, there isn't a stamp. All things considered, it is a win-win situation for us.

STREET & PLACE NAMES

How many of you remember Jimtown or can place its location?

Growing up, the Jimtown neighborhood was somewhat prominent in our lives. We remember a movie theater, a lumber yard and a Southern Maid Donut shop there. It was all centered around the intersection of Hampton Road and Clarendon Drive.

A community was established at this approximate location by James Bumpas in about 1879. First, he opened a country store. Next, he applied for a post office. For a name for his new post office, he chose Jamestown but found that the name was already taken. He next picked Jimtown, which became the name of the small farming community.

In 1931, the people of this growing area of Oak Cliff wanted a more upscale name for Jimtown Road. It was decided by extending the Clarendon Drive name to the old road.



St. Paul Street in downtown Dallas was named by Barnett Gibbs, a

former Texas lieutenant governor. Mr. Gibbs not only served as Dallas city attorney, but he was elected to the Texas Senate and served as Lieutenant governor from 1884 to 1886.

When raising a toast, it was his habit to needle teetotalers with a verse of scripture attributed to the apostle Paul who said "No longer drink water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments (1 Timothy 5:23)."

And that's why we have St. Paul Street.



Albert Sidney Johnston Elementary School in Oak Cliff is named for Republic of Texas general and secretary of state.

He was a West Point graduate although he resigned his commission in 1834 because of family health reasons.

He joined the Texas army as a private in 1835 and rapidly rose to general. He distinguished himself for his leadership as a Confederate general at Shiloh.



Sheep-herders in our midst? Despite of our Texas heritage as a beef state, Sam Uhl and his family brought sheep south from Maryland in 1858 and settled in what is now Duncanville.

They became known for both beef and dairy cattle and farmed many acres in the area.

A large part of Uhl Road was

renamed Polk Street in 1951 but a part of it still exists between Bear Creek and Parkerville roads.

ANOTHER CLOSING

The Prince of Hamburgers drive in is no more. It was shut down in June and a retail shopping center will rise on the site.

Prince's had been feeding hamburgers and root beer to carloads of hungry folks since 1929.

A local collector bought the restaurant's awnings and distinctive red-and-green neon sign. The sign featured a golden-haired boy holding a plate of burgers. Bulldozers will take care of the rest of the building.

BIG D REAL ESTATE

The Urban Supermarket finally became a reality, opening in June in the ground floor of the old Interurban Building. Now downtown dwellers will no longer have to travel to the suburbs to get their groceries.

It's not exactly like the old A&P that was at the Boundary in the good old days. It actually is part supermarket, part yuppie coffee bar, part deli, and part bar and grill. But, it seems to be serving its purpose as a gathering place for "urban pioneers," as they like to be called.

The rest of the ground floor will be devoted to retail shopping and the upper floors will be converted to loft apartments.



The old Stoneleigh Hotel will not be a victim of the wrecking ball. The

12-story structure built in 1923 will be renovated and joined by a new 21-story condo tower on the same block. The old and new buildings will be joined by a garden and courtyard.

Work to build the new tower and to renovate the old hotel is expected to begin early next year. The project should be finished within two years.

SUNSET ON LINE

There are quite a few Sunset class groups on the Internet now. Many individual ex-Bisons have personal email addresses, some have personal home pages and several classes have web sites.

Bettye Brewer Olive's home page is probably the earliest one established. You can reach her page at:

www.home.comcast.net/~bolive/sunset.html. Bettye's page attracts visitors from all classes. She has a guest book where visitors can sign in or they can just browse the guest book and see who else has visited the site.

One of the more interesting sites is www.sunset.jkinslow.net. It is maintained by Jon Kinslow '51. He has some pictures of old *Sundials* as well as recent newsletters of the classes of '51-'52. Jon also has arranged for some Sunset t-shirts and other personal items for use at school luncheons, banquets, cruises, etc.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have a web site set up at www.sunset.rkinslow.com that will

list the other Sunset web pages as well as have past issues of our newsletter.

HIGH FIVE UPDATE

The huge traffic interchange that is under construction at North Central Expressway and I-635 in North

Dallas is in its final stages of construction. Billed at the most expensive interchange ever built in Texas, all "flyovers" are complete and in operation. Construction of some service roads is all that remains. The contractor is expected to receive a huge bonus for bringing in the job on time.

BIG NOTE

We are running short of space this time, so you have left out our columns on obituaries, "Newsletter Heroes" and "Letters to the Editors."

We will save them for next time and include them all. Also, we will have some informational items in

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