1950s Athletes Gather

The Elgin Independent School District (Elgin ISD) first included athletic competition in its curriculum in 1910, the same year that the University Interscholastic League (UIL) was organized. The Elgin Depot Museum’s current exhibit “Glory Days, The History of Sports in Elgin,” brought many El-Hi alumni together on the weekend of September 24 to celebrate, remember and honor the importance of athletics in our history. Competition creates a bond and interest that unites our community.

Friday afternoon, September 23, a group of approximately 65 of the 1950s athletes and some spouses gathered to renew acquaintances and remember accomplishments that have grown through the years in their stories. The group then attended the homecoming football game between Manor and Elgin. Even though Elgin did not win the game, the group was amazed with the facilities that the Elgin ISD now provides for athletic competition. And the group was certainly impressed that they could ride the elevator to the press box and walk out and sit on the top rows of the stadium!

This athletes’ gathering was an impromptu affair arranged at the last minute - no formal invitations were sent, only notice through some emails and notice in the Courier. The Elgin Alumni Association encourages happenings such as this to foster the camaraderie of life that we experienced in attending Elgin schools and to build anticipation in the next Purple and White Jubilee to be held in 2015.

Contributed by Sydna Arbuckle (Class of 1957)

From the President …

As the holiday season approaches, we want to thank you for your support of the Elgin Alumni Association and we want to wish you and your family the best.

We hope you enjoy this fourth issue of the Elgin Epilogue.

Plans are being made for our second Purple and White Jubilee which will be in April of 2015. Debbie Cartwright, Class of 1969, and I, Class of 1965, will be Co-event Chairpersons for this Jubilee. We are also going to have our 2nd Alumni Western Days “Pot Luck” Luncheon in June 2012. The Elgin Education Foundation will have their annual golf tournament in April of 2012. As we grow, we hope to have more activities for our alumni. Email Connie Núñez (cnunez@elginisd.net) with your class reunion plans and we will gladly post the information on our web site. We need more help so please let us know if you would like to get involved.

To all Elgin Wildcat Alumni throughout the world, we hope to see you in 2015!

~ Donna Snowden

Contributed by Judy Davis (Class of 1960)

Former Elgin High School Athletes attend opening of “The Glory Days” exhibit at the Elgin Depot Museum

Front Row: Gary Snowden, Bishop Mayes, Homer Johnson, Betty Martin Meyer, Phillip Villarreal, Nell Griffin Lind, J.P. Schroeder, Pat Chapel Gustafson, Jerry Thormahlen


The Newsletter of the Elgin Alumni Association
December 2011, Issue 4
Sad News...
We are sorry to announce that the oldest alumnus, Ila Griffin LeNoir, who attended the 2010 Purple and White Jubilee, passed away this past year. Mrs. LeNoir was 94 when she was spotted all over Elgin attending every event of the Jubilee. She lived in Houston at the time of her death and was a member of the Elgin High School Class of 1932. No one enjoyed the reunion more than she did. She always had a smile on her face and faithfully read the Elgin Courier. She will be missed.

Contributed by Donna Snowden (EAA President)

A Challenge to Elgin Alumni
I received an email from Donna Lundgren Snowden asking me to write a short article for the “Elgin Epilogue”. It kind of startled me at first that someone would ask me to write an article about anything. I will do my best so hang on.

I am a graduate of the Class of 1964. I worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone for thirty-five years. I served four and a half years on the Elgin School Board with the last two and a half years as President. My wife Carole has worked for Elgin ISD for over 20 years and is an Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Phoenix High School, which is the alternative school for the district. We have two sons that are graduates of Elgin High, Matt class of 1995 and Clint class of 2001. Matt is in his third year teaching at Elgin High and Clint is a Captain for the San Marcos Fire Dept. Both of our sons have great teachers while attending Elgin schools and received a good education. The lady that asked me to write this article is one of these teachers and one of my classmates, Joyce Magnuson Hartmann, is the other one. Both of these ladies were of great influence in our sons’ education.

The reason for this article is to tell you first hand about what the Elgin Education Foundation has done for our teachers. My son Matt, in his second year of teaching, applied for a grant from the foundation for one of his science classes. It was a sizeable amount for a 3-D computer program for his anatomy class. He received this grant and it is now being used in various classes at the high school. These grants have been going on for several years now and have supplemented what the district could not afford to do. To have the monies for these grants, the Elgin Education Foundation needs donations. The Class of 1964, in the past year, has started giving a memorial of $250.00 in the name of each classmate that has passed on. These classmates are Donny Dyer, Mary Flores Reynosa, Joyce Magnuson Hartmann, and Diana Kipp Tyler. We now have given a total of $1,000.00. We challenge each of the alumni classes to follow what the Class of 1964 has done. All of us can make a big difference in the education of Elgin’s students in the coming years. The Elgin Educators Foundation is an easy way to accomplish this.

GO PURPLE AND WHITE!

Contributed by Larry Foehner (Class of 1964)

Go Purple and White! 2015

The Decade of the 1960s will be in charge of helping with the 2015 Purple and White Jubilee. The 60s will have a hard time following the Classes of the 1950s who were responsible for many things that were planned and accomplished for the first Jubilee. Who doesn’t remember “Respect” by Aretha Franklin or “Like a Rolling Stone” by Bob Dylan? Don’t forget the Righteous Brothers, the Beach Boys and the Beatles! Woodstock, Vietnam, and hippies changed our whole world perspective. Calling on all classes of this decade to come join in to help this jubilee to be as good as the last one was!