

# Name the Newsletter

## Alumni Association Formed

We are proud to announce the formation of the Dickinson ISD Alumni Association for ex-students and teachers. This is being done under the umbrella of the Dickinson ISD Education Foundation, which was founded last year. The Alumni Board will be made up of ex-students in the area who are excited about getting the organization off the ground and flying high. The purpose of the Alumni group will be:

- To keep you abreast of what is happening at DHS.
- To feature upcoming events and reunions of previous classes.
- To assist all classes in updating mailing lists for correspondence and reunions.
- To provide a way to connect with other graduates through our website.
- To inform you of achievements, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries of ex-students and teachers.

- To feature one of the ex-DHS students, and what they are doing now.
- To offer a bit of fond memories, of the past.
- To raise money for scholarships, in-house grants for students and teachers, and beautification of DHS.

Everyone is excited about seeing this happen. We all hope that you as ex's will be just as enthused. The Alumni committee is in the process of compiling a mailing list for all classes through 1985, with additional classes to be added as soon as possible. The post-card that you recently received was sent for two reasons — (1) to help in cleaning up old mailing lists and (2) to alert you as to what we are doing, with hopes that each of you will participate. We hope that after receiving your newsletter, you will want to become an active member.

## Meet Your Alumni Board

- President - Dennis Cooke ('69)
- Vice President - Antoinette Vitanza ('65)
- Secretary - Suanne McNeel Sparks ('77)
- Treasurer - Dianne Gilbreath Glidden ('69)
- Board Member - Ernie Deats ('58)
- Board Member - Beth Roeser Cummings ('67)
- Board Member - Mitchell Dale ('65)
- Board Member - Sam Emmite ('69)
- Board Member - Karen Walker Beuchaw ('70)



Gator Fight Never Dies!

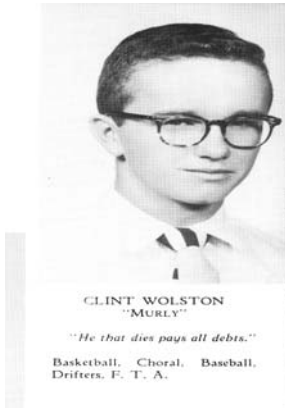
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The Board needs your help in **naming the newsletter!** Please submit your suggestions for the newsletter name as well as stories, pictures, or content suggestions for upcoming newsletters to [gators@dickinsonisdalumni.com](mailto:gators@dickinsonisdalumni.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 572 Dickinson, TX 77539.

# Profiles of DHS Grads—Clint Wolston III



Every issue will feature a profile on a DHS graduate. This issue we are featuring Clint Wolston. Clint is a 1955 graduate who has become well known throughout

the area, State of Texas, and in some circles nationally. He owns and operates Bayou Wildlife Park, which is located west of Dickinson on FM517. It is an open-air park with every animal you can imagine. Visitors board trams with feed and tour the park. Thousands of youngsters from the Gulf Coast come every year to visit.

The reason we chose Clint for our first issue is because no one that graduated from DHS loves the history and tradition of our school more than Clint. He has rescued trophies, pic-

tures, and memorabilia from the school that was headed for the dumpster more times than you can count. With each change of a regime comes an "out with the old and in with the new" attitude. Clint has kept that from being lost.

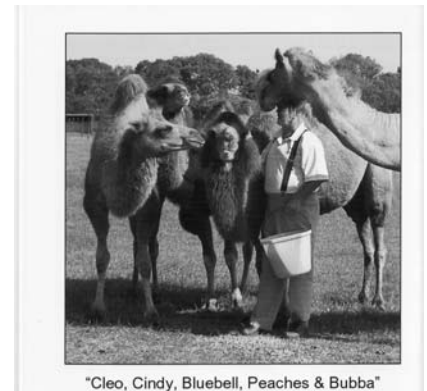
Clint also hosts a grand reunion at the park every 5 years for all living graduates through 1957. This has become a huge success, with people traveling from across the USA to attend. In undertaking this reunion, he along with Janette Koska Gregory have compiled a mailing list which they try and keep current.

Many of you might remember Clint as a "wild and crazy guy" in his younger days, but seems to have found his niche in life with his exotic animals. There is no doubt a deep love for each and every one as he gives you the guided tour. Many are endangered species, which thrills him to know he is doing something important in keeping the breed alive.

Clint played on the basketball team that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Tourna-

ment in 1955, and also played first base on the Gator baseball team. He attended Texas A&M for a short period of time. He still resides in the Wolston home on Oleander when he's not guarding his animals against poachers at the park.

We all feel Clint being selected is a worthy choice because of his love of Dickinson and his love of Dickinson High School.



## How We Got Here

The Board wishes to say **"THANK YOU"** to all those individuals that have played such an important part in helping to get this organization off the ground!

Jane Deats Hayley ('60), Kathy Roeser Palmer ('69), Sandra Hanna Smith ('67), Donna Lawrence Botera ('82), Kim Johnson ('82), Matt Falco ('68), Tom Magliolo ('74), JoAnne Scarcella Stagg ('61), Lillie Ann Kostka Campbell ('61), Sandra Hawk Die ('64), Sharon Emmite ('62), Larry Desormeux ('64), Elaine Emmittee ('66), Dub Stapp ('72), Billy Cooke ('73), Carol Pauls Marshall ('75), Tami Pittman Carroll ('76), Lucy Johnson ('76), Kelly Sandel Simmons ('78), Sharon McBride Hardilek ('78), Tom Herring ('80), Chris Svahn ('80),

Carolyn Newman Miller ('80), James Menotti ('82), Carrie Strom Menotti ('82), Jay Hill ('83), Judy Reustle ('84), LeAnne Shoemaker Garcia ('85), Dixie Salvato Flint ('68), Georgia Hawk Chapman ('63), Irma Cortez ('79), Diana Gunderson Boise ('73), Royce Walker ('71), and Sandra Hanna Smith ('67.

Committees have been formed and if you have an interest in serving on a committee, please let us know.

**Membership** — Beth Roeser Cummings ('67) and Georgia Hawk Chapman ('63)

**Key Contact Liaison** — Dixie Salvato Flint ('68) and Georgia Hawk Chapman ('63)

**Newsletter** — Ernie Deats ('58) and Karen Walker Beuchaw ('70)

**New Member Packet/Decals** — Antoinette Vitanza ('65)

**Mixers/Socials** — Beth Roeser Cummings ('67), Dixie Salvato Flint ('68), Georgia Hawk Chapman ('63), and Antoinette Vitanza ('65)

**Website Development** — Karen Walker Beuchaw ('70), Royce Walker ('71), Diana Gunderson Boise ('73), Irma Cortez ('79), Chris Gensheimer Disser ('74), and Gordon Johnson ('84)

**Alumni Awards Program** — Suanne McNeel Sparks ('77) and Sandra Hanna Smith ('67)

**Public Relations** — Volunteers needed!

# New Sam Vitanza Stadium

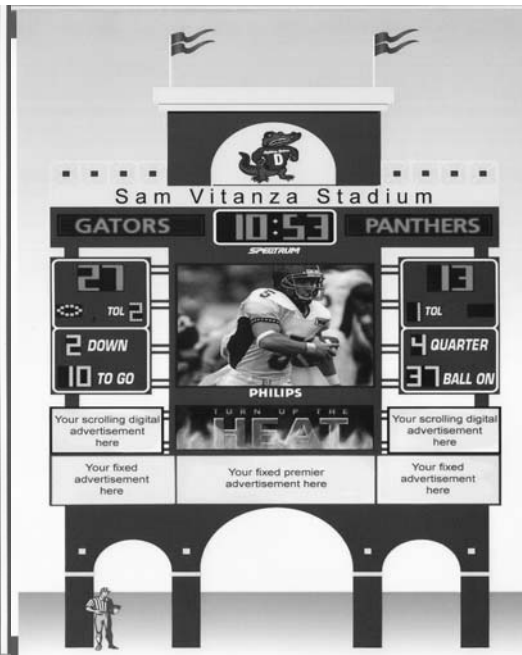
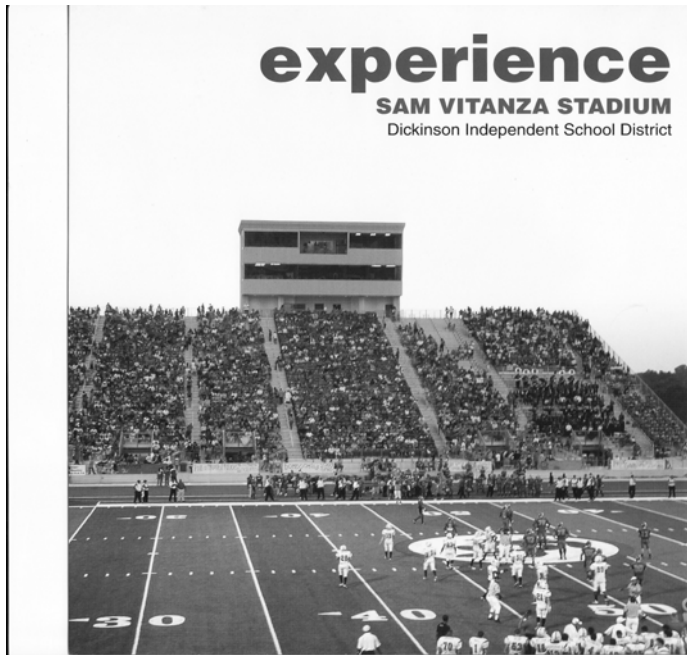
In 2005 the voters of DISD approved a \$13.5 million dollar bond to build a new stadium. The old Sam Vitanza Stadium was in need of a complete overhaul, from dressing rooms, rest-rooms, seats, press box, parking, and any other aspect that went with it. The original concrete portion of the old stadium was built in 1947. It had been added to many times as our school grew.

Everyone on the Task Force Committee that had a part in getting the bond passed wanted to make sure that a new stadium would be something our entire community could be proud of. After a number of redesigns we have something that is breathtaking. The new Sam Vitanza Stadium is by far the finest in the Gulf Coast.

The Vitanza girls — Frances Ann ('60) and Antoinette ('65) — with all their family were on hand for the dedication. I am sure that Sam would be very proud to have his name on such a beautiful facility.



Gator Football	
2008 Home Schedule	
8/29/08	— Angleton
9/12/08	— Bay City
9/26/08	— Alvin
10/10/08	— Clear Creek
10/17/08	— Brazoswood
10/31/08	— Galveston Ball



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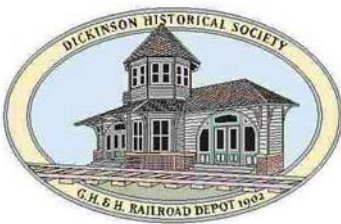
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**Class of 1958 — October 17/18**

**Class of 1968 — October 17/18**



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## Preserving the Past For The Future

ERNIE DEATS, DHS 1958 GRAD, has written pictorial history of Dickinson. The beautifully bound coffee table album begins early the confederacy and moves through the years to 1960. Places, people, and the essence of Dickinson are captured through stories and pictures that illustrate how some things, such as high school spirit, never change.

If you still have a place in your heart for Dickinson, you will love this book. It received a rave review from the Galveston Daily News. Limited number of 1st edition remaining.

The book sells for \$39.00 and is available through The Dickinson Historical Society. For more information call 281-534-4367 or Ernie @ 713-252-7957 or 281-337-3954.

