

MHS ALUMNI STORIES 2010
9th Of A 10 Part Series.....PART A
1980 and 1985



THIRTY YEARS ago the Classmates of 1980, all sixty-eight of them, were eager to gain their freedom from high school. But during the year, they worked hard making sure their history was preserved. This class produced an "Annual" very unique in that it has a beautiful outdoor cover scene and is titled 'Tiger 80'. The "Annual" staff included: Sharon Horton, the Advisor; Editor was Jennifer Houck; Co-Editor was Sherman Houck; Photographers were Don Sparks and John Horton. This Book can be seen at the Old Greer County Museum where this writer was also able to purchase the book. Many old yearbooks have been given to the museum from many different sources. Sale of these excess books helps maintain the museum and the Mangum School Room in particular. Any one looking for old 'annuals or yearbooks', should call the Old Greer County

Museum located in Mangum; it is the same building as the Old Border Hospital or the Southwest Baptist Hospital from the 1950's.

Mangum ISD school leadership included: Superintendent, Bob Garton; High School Principal, Lainial Gilbert; Assistant Principal and Counselor, Don Sparks; Director of Federal Programs, E. W. Clement; Board of Education consisted of: James G. Calcote, President, Roger Reeves; V-President, J. H. Heatly; Maryanne McDonald Fite; Barbara Matthews and Clerk, Balma Brignon.

The High School Faculty included: Virginia Austin, Johnny Crabb, Patsy Falk, Lloyd Fletcher, Marilyn Garton, Glenn Hardin, Mike Hasting, Becky Hightower, Jim Hooper, Sharon Horton, Chloe Jones, Mike Jones, Pam McDaniel, Larry Mendenhall, Randy Merrill, Don Smith, Don Sparks, Janet Taylor and Norma Yoder. The Yearbook recognized Tenured Teachers for their 10-years or more of service in the classroom: Don Sparks, Patsy Falk, Chloe Jones, Joyce Snow and Norma Yoder.

Support personnel were: Superintendent's secretaries were Aline Savage and Patti Paxton; High School secretary was Nelda Gilbert; Manual Gonzales, Glen Cullins, Elmo Petzold, Odell Halford, Jr., Loufine Houck, Elbert Bond, Dessie May Hart, Earnestine Barker, Imogene Lively and Katherine Graumann.

Class officers for the 1980 graduates were: President: Starla Snow; Melissa Price, Vice-President; Sarah Givens, Secretary-Treasurer; Scott Tate, Reporter; Class Parents were Mr. and Mrs. Steve York and little brother was Todd. Academic honor students: Rose Mary Pineda, Michelle Nippert and Vickie Gordon.

Other class honorees were: Annual Queen, Mary Goodman; Band Queen, Rose Mary Pineda; Key Club Sweetheart, Becky Atkinson; Football Queen, Pam Matthews; Basketball Queen, Sarah Givens; FFA Sweetheart, Starla Snow, FHA King; Mike Miller; Vocal Music Queen and King: Lynda McElroy and Mark Anderson; High School Favorites: Sarah Givens and Mike Collier; All-Around Girl/Boy, Sarah Givens and Mark Anderson; Citizenship Award: Rose Mary Pineda and Scott Tate; Leadership Award: Michelle Nipper and Mike McAlexander; Oklahoma Boys' and Girls; State: Robert Davenport, Robert Elliott, Sarah Givens, Ricky Hobbs, Martin Leckie Lisa Lovett, Freddy Pena, Melissa Price and Mark Williamson.

Miss Mia MacRobert was crowned Miss Mangum Pageant as noted by the Yearbook.

Junior High Faculty consisted of: Jim Ed Bull, Principal; Mary Jane Mendenhall, Secretary; Beth Anderson, Connie Bull, Doris Garlington, Duane Meinert, Carol Hardin, Kim Merrill, John Schaufele, Joyce Snow and Rodney Wales and Roberta Williams.

A last page was added to the Yearbook telling about the feat of Charpylene Reed and showing her picture. She became the first Mangum girl sprinter to win a state title. She claimed the State Champion Class A 100 yard dash. She had the best time of anyone in A, 2A or B schools. Rodney Wales was her coach. What a nice tribute in this 'annual.'

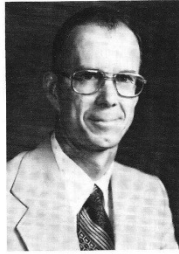
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Robert Elliott
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Kathy Gifford
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Darcia Wilson
Lisa Wyrick

The Mangum Star-News, May 15, 1980, has a headline article stating, “Festive Plans Complete for 71st Annual Gathering of MHS Alumni”. In figuring that 1980 was the ‘71st gathering’, it is an accurate statement considering the FIRST banquet was held in 1910. Actually, each year when alumni gather, the group has completed one year beyond the actual date. Therefore, the MHS Alumni Association has actually COMPLETED 100 years of annual celebrations and will celebrate at the gathering May 2010. This is why the Board, officers and local members have been working around the clock getting ready for the Association’s big 100th celebration (1910 - 2010) the same as when the state of Oklahoma celebrated it’s 100th year as a state (1907 - 2007).

Recognition



Mr. Don Sparks



Ms. Patsy Falk



Mrs. Chloe Jones



Mrs. Joyce Snow



Mrs. Norma Yoder

We would like to recognize five teachers who have taught in the Mangum Schools for ten years or longer. Mr. Sparks has taught here for fifteen years. Ms. Falk and Mrs. Jones have each taught thirteen years. Mrs. Snow has taught eleven years, and Mrs. Yoder has completed her tenth year. We are indeed fortunate to have these fine, dedicated teachers as a part of our school system.

Teachers

In 1980, the Mangum High School Alumni Officers were: President, Victor Wickersham, Class of 1923; V-President, Joe McGuffin, Class of 1965; Secretary, Louise Boyd-Price, Class of 1953; Assistant Secretary, Beth Thompson-White, Class of 1953; Treasurer, Laverne Wallace-Lanford, Class of 1948; and Historian Kay Morgan Staton, Class of 1965

Recognized as 3rd generation families were: Melissa Price (1980), her mother, Louise Boyd Price, 1953, and her grandmother; Margaret Shields Boyd 1916. Roy Doyle, Class of 1925, saw his grand daughter graduate this year also: Beverly Cypert, daughter of Kathryn Doyle Cypert, Class of 1961. Beverly's father, Skip Cypert, was also Class of 1961. Note: Both Kathryn and Skip are deceased.

The Mangum-Star News, May 24, 1990, had huge coverage of Alumni events and a very nice group photo of the 1980 Grads in their caps and gowns.

1985 CLASS.....25 years.....



Twenty-five years ago, the Class of 1985 was looking forward to life after high school. This class did produce a yearbook recording life as they lived it. I was able to view and copy portions of this book at the Mangum High School library through the courtesy of Cheryl Lively and Barbie Stover. This “Annual” which is scarce to find, has a beautiful burnt orange cover with a nice gold Tiger on the cover. It is titled, simply, “Tiger”. The book covers grades Kindergarten through twelfth making it a viable piece of history for the Mangum schools. The book was easily read and sections were dated with exact dates of events. Another good aspect of the book was the full page coverage of Departments along with the teachers’ pictures. This yearbook staff appeared to revere the instructors and what they attempt to do in the classroom more than any other Yearbook this writer has studied. If you’re willing to sell one of the 1985 ‘yearbooks’, please contact this writer.

Mangum ISD leadership included: Superintendent: Jack Herron, Jr.; Director of Federal Programs, E. W. Clement; School Board Members: Roger Reeves, Ron Lehrman, Balma Brignon, Dan Knight, H. H. Heatly and E. K. Hulsey. Bob Travis, High School Principal; Don Sparks, Assistant High School Principal; Jim Bull, Junior High Principal; Dave Roberts, Edison Elementary Principal; Class Parents were Reid and Pam Simmons.

Faculty for both Junior High and High School: Bill Chambers, Patsy Duckworth, Loyd Fletcher, Sharon Horton, Mike Jones, Carol Hardin, Roberta Williams, Joyce Snow, Carol Smith, Shirley Rowland, Jane Travis, Norma Yoder, Tim Allen, Jim Callen, Roger Ford, Robin Roof, Mike Smith, Marilyn Garton, Janet Scott, Darla Heatly, Don Smith, Connie Bull, Glenn Hardin, Don Sparks, Jane Bull, Ms. Gaylon Martin, Janet Taylor, Mark Dicus, Nolan Poteet and Jim Scott.

Support Personnel for Junior High and High School: Shirley Berry, Dianne Haygood, Patti Paxton, Aline Savage, Ms. Johnny Neal, Joyce York, Earnestine Barker, Dessie Hart, Imogene Lively, Elbert Bond, Manuel Gonzales, Odell Halford, Jim Weaver.

Edison Faculty/Auxiliary Personnel: Linda Burcham, Julie Harris, Debbie Jones, Flossie McDaniel, Marcy Roof, Steve Sappington, Rodney Wales, Maxine Hogan, Addie Allen, Kathy Brewster, Mary Gonzales, Robert Ray, Sammy Camp, Helen Carpenter, Ofelia Fuentes, Joyce Klepper, and Ethal Pierson.

The 1985 Class Officers were: President: Tim Leckie; David Tipton, V-President; Denise Dillahunty, Secretary, and Miss Terry Hamon, Treasurer.

Academic Honor Students for the year 1985 were: Stacey Hamilton, Nina McGuffin, Melissa Gable, David Tipton and Karen Price.

Recognized students were shown as: MHS Favorites, Nina McGuffin and Brian Williams; All-Around Girl was also Nina McGuffin; All-Around Boy was David Tipton; Citizenship Awards went to Cynthia Ritter and Tim Leckie; Leadership Awards went to Melissa Gable and Jeff Roach. Other honors went to: Football Queen, Nina McGuffin; Band Queen, Tammy Burkhalter; Annual Queen, Lisa Stumbaugh; Vocal Music Royalty: David Henry and Cynthia Ritter; Basketball Queen, Darla Hawkins; FFA Sweetheart, Nicky Pineda; FHA King, Shane Ryan;

Class of 1985

Dale Adkerson
Jeff Banister
Tammy Burkhalter
Lee Caffey
John Callins
Janie Capetillo
Brett Burns Cooksey
Debbie Cox
Denise Dillahunty
Jimmy Elliott
Paul Epperson
Melissa Gable
Stephanie Gelnar
Jim Hamilton
Stacey Hamilton

Ms. Terry Hamon
Darla Hawkins
David Henry
Eric Houck
Lisa Hunter
Junior Lane
Tim Leckie
Nina McGuffin
David McNutt
Starla Mitchell
Carol Mixon
Cary Norton
Lisa Orosco
Chris Parsons
Ron Passmore
Nicky Pineda
Karen Price
Jannette Ray
William Ray
Cynthia Ritter
Lonnie Ritter
Jeff Roach
Susan Roach
Terry Rockhold
Shane Runyan
Lisa Stumbaugh
David Tipton
Joe Turntine
Scotty Webb
Ronnie White
Brian Williams

Graduation Addresses Are Given by Honor Students

The three seniors with the highest grade points will give the graduation addresses to their fellow seniors and guests. Honor Students for the 1985 graduating class are Stacey Hamilton with a 96.93 average. Nina McGuffin will be graduating with a 96.07 average, and Melissa Gable maintained a 95.80 average.



STACEY HAMILTON



NINA MCGUFFIN



MELISSA GABLE



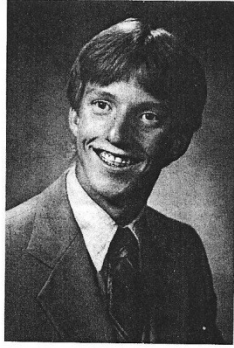
DAVID TIPTON



KAREN PRICE

Scholastic Students Have High Grades

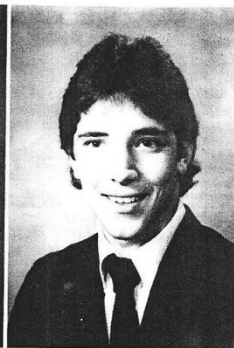
Ranking fourth and fifth in class, scholastically are David Tipton and Karen Price. David has a 94.87 average, and Karen will be graduating with a 94.45 average.



David Tipton



Nina McGuffin



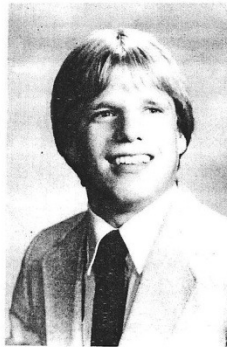
Brian Williams

High School Favorites are Selected

Nina McGuffin and Brian Williams were selected as High School Favorites by a vote of the student body.

Nina was also chosen as All-Around Girl.

Chosen as All-Around Boy by the faculty was David Tipton. Cynthia Ritter and Tim Leckie won the Citizenship Awards, and Melissa Gable and Jeff Roach were chosen for the Leadership Awards.



Tim Leckie



Cynthia Ritter



Melissa Gable



Jeff Roach

The 1985 MHS ALUMNI OFFICERS were: President, Sharon Patton-Callen Class of 1970; V-President, Judy Tidmore, 1962; Secretary, Doris Avery-Nelson, 1949; Treasurer, Laverne Wallace-Lanford, 1948; Historians were Linda Foraker-Lanford 1950 and Barbie Ridley-Stover, 1972.....positions they held for 22 years.

The Mangum-Star News, June 6, 1985, had good coverage of the Alumni Banquet in which 496 grads attended on May 31 in the 'new gym' on North Penn Street. "The Class of 1935 celebrated their 50th with 21 members present. The Class of 1960 and 1975 were each celebrating special anniversaries. Honorary members attending were: Faye Wharton Barton, Monroe Chadwick and Herman Bottom. The oldest class and member present was Josephine Overton, Class of 1917."

Note: This writer learned that Greer Oklahoma Smith, Class of 1925, signed in as Homa F.

Smith. Those little changes can confuse the person researching specific names. This news account also noted that "invitations may be picked up at Smiley's Gifts and Carpet Store." This is of special interest since today's invitations are mailed to every member at the cost of about

\$1500 to the Association. When invitations are returned, they are put into a 'dead end' file and it is noted as such on the massive 5000-name roster which is kept updated by Mary McDaniel Scott assisted by input from Board Members and Association Members. Unless someone gives the Board a new address, when mail returns, that member will probably never receive another invitation.

According to the Mangum-Star News, June 6, 1985, four hundred ninety-six people attended the Alumni Banquet on May 31 which was held in the 'new gym', meaning the new gym standing today where the 'old high school' used to stand before it burned. Some times facts need to be clarified for generations to come who will be questioning which facility one is discussing. The 'old old gym' still standing today on Pennsylvania, was the sports arena, auditorium for graduations and a favorite banquet gathering place for many many years for our 'old alumni'. It also served as the Band Hall in the 1950's before a new Band Room was built under the input and supervision of Larry Cooper, MHS Band Director. The new Band Room contained sound proof practice rooms where students could practice without disturbing or being disturbed. Every practice room was glassed in so that Mr. Cooper could keep a watchful eye on his students.

It must be noted that one of these classmates, Jeff Roach, son of George and Peggy Roach, Mangum, helped headline a concert in 2005 with funds benefitting the Mangum City Hospital. Before then, Jeff had not performed in Mangum since 1989. Today, he's a resident of Franklin, Tennessee, along with his wife and three children, where he has pursued his love of writing, playing and singing music. If his schedule allows, he will return for his 25th reunion this year and be apart of the entertainment Alumni weekend.

Next week, Series 9, Part B, will cover the Classes of 1990 and 1995. Any additions, corrections or comments will be appreciated. Please contact me at joy.grant@sbcglobal.net or 580-782-5107.

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