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8th Annual Alumni Reunion (November 5, 1994)

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Our Eighth Annual Fall Alumni Reunion was an overwhelming success with an excellent turnout, and we missed you if you were unable to attend. The sky was sunny for the matchup with Texas A&M, but the results weren't what we would have liked. The evening dinner at the ballroom of the Lions Municipal Golf Course clubhouse was excellent. The highlight of the evening was Ray Adams tearing up the entry door trying to get it to open wider. Many of the 1943 through 1945 commissioning classes attended to commemorate 50 years since World War II. It was an unforgettable evening getting reacquainted with old shipmates, recalling campus experiences, exchanging stories, meeting spouses, and dining together. This networking with our classmates is a very satisfying experience that we hope to share with you. Start planning now for our 9th Annual Reunion on November 4, 1995, now scheduled for a head-to-head matchup with Texas Tech, which will honor all former Crow's Nest members. (Other groups suggested as possible groups to feature at future reunions include pilots, submariners, class-of-ship officers, buccaneers, and rifle team members). In addition, the World War II Alumni Reunion will be held November 2-4, 1995 to continue the 50 year reunion of the first UT NROTC commissioning classes.

By John Hitchcock '65

You missed a whale of a time at our 1994 Reunion in Austin. Sixty-four of us were able to make it (36 alumni and 28 spouses and friends). More than 20 turned out for Thursday dinner, almost 40 for Friday lunch and 53 for the Friday night dinner at the Austin Country Club, plus the Student Union gab sessions. The World War II alumni made up a majority of the Alumni Association meeting attendance on Saturday morning!

Our attendees were: Mr. and Mrs. Hub Bechtol, Kirk and Virginia Cansler, John and Loy Cooke, Sandy and Marcella Crow, Bob and Mary Curtis, A.M. and Margie Derrick, J. D. and Odessa Dyer, Ralph and Jackie Ellsworth, Ivan and Aloma Elmer, Carl and Betty Fitzgerald, Norman Flados, Macon Freeman, Frank and Pat Gerling, Charles Graham, Barbara (Mrs. Bill) Harris, Bernie Hillen, Bruce and Frances Jamieson, Andy and Roberta Johnson, Larry and Tommie Jones, Dick and Marilyn LeRoux, J. E. and Martha Loveless, Tom and Johnnie Jean Lovett, Howard and Lillian Lowe, Ben and Nell McDonald, Bill and Shirley McGinnis, Banks and Louise McLaurin, Jerry and Dee Murtaugh, Glenn and Margarite Pate, Sylvan Polunsky, David and DeAnn Rainey, C. A. and Suzanne Schutze, Joe Smith, Mickey Smith, Charles Stacey, Eugene Dolonsky, John and Carolyn Wildenthal, Arthur and Maudie Willbern. Apologies for any omissions or spelling errors.

We had loads of photos, clippings and mementos to reminisce over, a 1944 film of the NROTC battalion courtesy of Bruce Jamieson, and one-on-one visits with people we had seen seldom if at all since our days together on campus. It was memorable and occasionally a bit emotional. Also amazing: how the girls stay beautiful while we guys show our age.

On the serious side, the group voted resoundingly to go for another, bigger reunion next fall; put up about \$20 apiece to underwrite mailings to get everyone possible there; and started work on creating a memorial for all our shipmates who were killed in action.

We also have biographies from 25 of our 100-plus known survivors (from the *Roster* pages we sent you last year), and a mailing list as complete as our information allows. All the guys attending got copies, and we want you to have one, too. Just let us know you want it. What about next time? We are enclosing another *Roster* page for all of you who have not already sent one in, along with a check-off page to tell us what would cause you to want to join the 1995 reunion and what you might do to help with it.

Do let us hear from you. This 50th anniversary of the end of World War II is the year for our biggest reunion ever!

By Ivan Elmer '45, Larry Jones '44 and Mickey Smith '44