

COMET ALERT!!!!

June 25, 2005....(can you believe it???)

HELLO, ALL YOU SWEET, PRECIOUS, CUTE, ONE-OF – A KIND CLASS MEMBERS!

In just a few months our incredible class will hold its 50th reunion. As we told you earlier, November 12 and 13 are the big dates. If you haven't already, mark your calendars now and make plans to have the time of your life.

Now, let's bring you up to date. A few weeks ago we had a planning meeting. We had over 20 classmates to show up just to get things started. That's incredible. It's a safe bet no other class has this much interest. Here are some of the things we discussed and planned.

The big party will be at Pinewood Country Club on the 12th. (We will send definite times later.) The setting is lovely, and we think all of you will be pleased. The menu is outstanding. (You have to take our word for this.) We will have our class picture made sometime during the evening. (Phil is in charge of this.) There will be LIVE music by a band chosen by Charlotte. Since she is so music-savvy, we can take her word for it that they are fantastic. All are ex-band masters, and they play OUR kind of music! She promises we will love them so get your dancing shoes ready.

We will also have another silent auction managed by Lloyd and sweet Ann. We will send specifics later but please give this some consideration. Because of the success of the last auction, we are able to keep our costs down this time and do some extra things as well. Part of the money raised will go for a class gift to AHS, and the rest will be kept in our class fund for memorials and other expenditures.

Anything you want to donate will be appreciated. The following are favorites at auctions: week or weekend vacation homes, pottery, paintings, class mementos and photographs, picture albums of class get-togethers, jewelry, handcrafted items by class members, tickets to sports events (especially ACC). You probably have some other ideas as well. Just make sure the items are in good shape.

There might be something in your home that you might not be able to use but someone else would love it. Please suggest a value for an item if it is appropriate. Most bids will be in \$1 increments. The committee REALLY appreciates your cooperation with this. Just bring your addition to the party and Lloyd and Ann will do the rest.

On Sunday morning we will have a memorial service at Pugh Funeral Home for all our classmates who have left us. Again, details will be given later. This one event sets our class apart from the others. Everyone at the meeting said this was a MUST. Charlotte will be in charge of this. We are so grateful to her for doing this for us. She is indeed a crown jewel.

One more thing....we need your help ASAP!!!!!! We want to do something special and we need your information. PLEASE fill out the enclosed sheet and mail it back to Janet ASAP (again). We really need this by, at least, August 15. If you want us to show you how much we want this, we will get down on our hands and knees and beg*****!!!!!! Thank you in advance....take our word for it, it's important.

We know we shouldn't brag, but our class is special. Every time we tell someone all the things we do, they are amazed. We aren't!!!! It's just that we have great memories, and we love each other. It goes without saying that we never run out of things to talk about. Again, mark those calendars.....November 12 is less than 5 months away.

For those of you who need hotel reservations, we have managed a very good deal at Hampton Inn. The rooms are \$69 per night. When you call, just tell them you are members of the Asheboro High School class of '55, and you will receive this discounted rate. The address is 1137 East Dixie Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203; the phone number is 336-625-9000. The Hampton is very nice and has a heated indoor pool, as well as saunas and a fitness center. The price also includes breakfast.

Blue Comet love.....**D**iana and **J**anet

P.S. Special surprise.....Kathryn's voice is still as beautiful as ever and she's done something great for us.

HELP!!!!Please send this back ASAP!!!! In order for us to do everything we want to do, we need information from you. Please tell us about your life for the past 50 years. It can be in any shape, form, or fashion. It can be long or short, typed, printed, or hand written. Include anything and everything you want us to know about you. Also, if you have any photos or mementos that you wish you share, send those also. We will be certain you get them back. Make sure your name is on them. Please send this information to Janet in the enclosed envelope by August 15, if at all possible. Time is drawing short.

Name Don Redding **Birth Day** May 05, 1937
Email address don@donredding.com
Spouse's name Divorced
Are you planning to attend? Yes

Thank you... .por favor... .sorry for all of you who took French I was too busy looking at that good looking and young (then) Mr. Morton who taught Spanish. Again, please do this for us. We are working hard at making this a memorable weekend, and we do NEED YOUR HELP.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY!

Born 05/05/1937 at Hill Street home, Asheboro. **Educated** at Park Street Elementary, Fayetteville Street, AHS, UNC, and Rutgers. UNC football. **Married** 1957, divorced 1977. 3X Bypass 1987 and knee surgery, 1996. Three **children** are **Julie** a Clinical Research manager at Tripath Imaging, Raleigh (born 07/30/60 and graduate of Appalachian and Temple) married to Gabe Szabo, vice president with Closure Inc., Raleigh; **Don Jr (Buz)** 02/07/64, UNC graduate) runs yard maintenance operation in Raleigh; and **Sally** (02/07/69, Duke graduate) formerly with NBC News Washington and married to Jim Hanchett, News Anchor, NBC Channel 6, Wilmington. Five **grandchildren** **Christopher** (05/04/1993), **Jessie and Katie (twins)** 7/13/1995), **Jack** (01/17/2000), and **Logan** (04/23/02). **Worked** at Southern Crown Milling Company through high school; Apparel Inc. and Western Electric summers during college; Aeronautical Electronics/Aerotron in Raleigh (06/60-01/63); Bank of America predecessors (1963 - 1995) in High Point, Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte in lending, credit, training, and loan workouts. Central Methodist **Church** and Myers Park Methodist Church. **Hobbies** of reading, history, computers, music, theater, hiking, Churchill, Civil and WWI and II, Bible, church, day trading and investing, genealogy, a 1963 tr3B, NC Zoo, sports, UNC, Panthers, and maybe Bobcats. Member of Ram's Club, Iron Dukes, Wolfpack Club, Deacon Club and booster clubs of Texas, Davidson, Clemson, Charlotte, Virginia, Florida State, AHS.

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