

# Class of '75



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CLASS OF '75 - ATTEND OUR 35 YEAR REUNION NOVEMBER 19 - 21, 2010, TO MAKE SOME MEMORIES!

## H O W D Y !

Well, our Class of '75 35 Year Reunion is almost upon us. Pencil in those calendar dates, make your reservations and plan to join your Classmates for a weekend of fun and social activities in College Station, Texas. Inside this newsletter you will find more information about all of our planned Class activities. We know there are other 'Mini Reunion groups' planning activities that complement those for the Class at large, so don't miss out! This is a great opportunity

to catch up and reminisce about our days here in Aggieland. Make sure to register by completing and sending in the registration form on page seven or registering online at [www.AggieNetwork.com/Reunions](http://www.AggieNetwork.com/Reunions). We hope to see you all in College Station come November!

Gig 'em,  
Your Class Agents  
**David Kaspar, David Pierce, Terry Rathert and Tony Pelletier**

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# Class of 1975 Reunion Accommodations

A block of rooms is available on a first-come, first-served-basis, for your Class of '75 35 Year Reunion at the College Station Hilton. Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly and mentioning the appropriate group code. The Convention and Visitors Bureau receives weekly updates from hotels regarding room availability. They don't make reservations, but they can point you to the hotels likely to have rooms available. Please call **979-260-9999** to receive those updates. To reserve rooms you can also go to <http://www.visitaggieland.com/> and scroll down to the reservation calendar to find all available room(s).

**\*College Station Hilton — Reunion Headquarters Hotel**

801 University Drive East — (979) 693-7500

\$199/night, plus tax

**Group Name: Class of '75 - Nebraska**

**Group Code: CL75**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: October 19, 2010**

Check-in time: 4:00 p.m.

Check-out time: Noon

*\*The hotel block is almost sold out so act now to secure a spot at the headquarter hotel.*

## A G G I E F O O T B A L L

### 2010 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time/Result TV
Sept. 4	Sat	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	Kyle Field	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Sat	LOUISIANA TECH	Kyle Field	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Sat	FIU	Kyle Field	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Thur	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, OK	6:30 p.m. - ESPN
Oct. 9	Sat	Arkansas	(Cowboys Stadium) Arlington, TX	TBA
Oct. 16	Sat	MISSOURI	Kyle Field	TBA
Oct. 23	Sat	Kansas	Lawrence, KS	TBA
Oct. 30	Sat	TEXAS TECH	Kyle Field	TBA
Nov. 6	Sat	OKLAHOMA	Kyle Field	TBA
Nov. 13	Sat	Baylor	Waco, TX	TBA
Nov. 20	Sat	NEBRASKA	Kyle Field	TBA
Nov. 25	Thurs	Texas	Austin, TX	7:00 p.m. - ABC

## REUNION REGISTRATION & CHECK IN

Return the enclosed Reunion registration form by mail to The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX 77840, ATTN: '75 Reunions, FAX 979-845-9263, or register online at [www.aggienetwork.com/Reunions](http://www.aggienetwork.com/Reunions) and click on the Class of '75 35 Year Reunion.

If you have questions, contact the Class Programs department at The Association of Former Students at (800)633-7514 or e-mail one of your Class Agents.

Your nametags, schedule of events and a list of Classmates that pre-registered will be waiting for you at the Reunion Check-In desk, which will begin at the Hilton, and will continue all weekend with a table set up at each event. A "Who's Attending" link is provided on [www.AggieNetwork.com/Reunions](http://www.AggieNetwork.com/Reunions) and will be updated daily during the registration period.

Walk up registrations will be accommodated based on availability. Registering before the due date will ensure there is food and fun awaiting you at each event. All registrations received after **November 5, 2010** will incur a **\$10 late fee**.

It is important that everyone register in advance to plan for catering and meeting space. Please be aware that there will be no walk up tickets sold at the Friday night Messina Hof event. Although there will be no walk-up tickets available for the Saturday BBQ meal either, stadium type food will be offered on an a la carte basis and you can still visit with your Classmates. Sign up now to secure your spots at our Reunion events.

## CENTURY CLUB SUPPORTS REUNIONS

Class Reunions and numerous other programs for former and current students are supported by donations to The Association of Former Students' Century Club. Donors also receive special benefits. Join the Century Club and help make an impact on another Aggies' life. (Please sign up on the registration form found on page seven.)

Levels of annual support include: Bronze - \$100; Silver - \$250; Gold - \$500; Diamond - \$1,000; Double Diamond - \$2,000; Platinum - \$5,000; Double Platinum - \$10,000.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The Association of Former Students has a flexible cancellation policy. If you cannot attend your Reunion or an event for which you have registered, please call the Class Programs office (800)633-7514 at least **72 business hours** prior to the start of the Reunion. Your payment will be refunded with the exception of a small handling fee.



## FOOTBALL TICKET INFORMATION

If you did not order tickets in our Reunion block prior to July 16, you may still order tickets online at [www.12thmanfoundation.com](http://www.12thmanfoundation.com) or by contacting the ticket office at 1-888-99-AGGIE depending on ticket availability. Tell them that you are attending the game in conjunction with the Class of 1975 35 Year Reunion against Nebraska and they will work with you to get you as close to the block as possible.

## ATTIRE

Your Reunion is going to be a fun, casual affair. The attire for each event follows the event description. All Classmates are encouraged to wear maroon to the football game.

## CLASS AGENT ELECTIONS

Class Agents serve as a liaison between their Class and The Association. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved as a former student, stay connected to the university and help lead your Class supporting A&M. Elections are held in conjunction with your Reunions, so now is your chance!

Teams consist of three to four members of your Class and serve a five-year term. As a Class Agent you will serve on The Association of Former Students' Leadership Council, which meets twice a year. The Association of Former Students provides orientation and resources to aid you in this role. Class Agents are responsible for keeping the Class informed through newsletters, web sites and emails, planning Class events and providing annual fund information to former students. Your current Agents plan to run again and represent your Class if elected for another term.

For more information please contact the Class Programs office at 979-845-7514 or [class@aggienetwork.com](mailto:class@aggienetwork.com). Class Agent teams and nominations must be submitted at least 14 days prior to your Reunion to get your name(s) on the ballot!

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT MESSINA HOF

Our 35 Year Reunion will kick off Friday, November 19 at Messina Hof Winery. We will start at 6:30 p.m. with a free winery tour followed by a buffet hors d'oeuvres display at 7:30 p.m.. The menu will include Italian meatballs, spanokopita, chicken satay with dipping sauces, mini quiche, mini spring rolls, and an antipasto and cheese platter. Cost will be \$22 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity. There will be a cash wine bar by the bottle and Shiner Beer compliments of Shiner Spoetzl Brewery. Dress will be casual, so don't be afraid to show up because you are expected to suit up! Come join the fun at our Classmate **Merrill Bonarrigo's** winery.

Messina Hof's address is 4545 Old Reliance Rd. Bryan, TX. For driving directions go to [http://www.messina-hof.com/exp\\_directions.php](http://www.messina-hof.com/exp_directions.php). Everyone is encouraged to carpool to the evening, if possible.

## BARBECUE & BUSINESS— GAME DAY (BEFORE THE GAME)

Prior to watching our Fightin' Texas Aggies BTTHO Nebraska, we will have a pre-game meal and our Class business meeting at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Timing will depend on kickoff (which has yet to be announced and will likely be dictated by TV networks) so look for further announcements. Also, be on the lookout for future announcements regarding surprise guest speakers for this event.

## AFTER THE GAME HASH AND BASH

Make plans to come tailgate after the game at **Fuzzy** and Diane's motor home. There will be a lot of talk about the game, good bull and good music to celebrate our BIG WIN over Nebraska. If you would like, you may drop off your chairs and coolers before the game, **BUT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE** at that time. You will only be able to park for free in Lot R after the game.

*WHERE:* RV parking Lot R, #74 (next to the Meat Science Building, north of Reed Arena); the Pierce's parking spaces are #97 & #98.

*WHAT TO BRING:* lawn chairs and drinks if you have them – if not, just bring yourselves!

*TIME:* immediately after beating the Class of '75 hell outta the Huskers!

## FAMILY

The more the merrier! Most of our planned events are "family friendly." We promise to be nice to all in attendance. Many of your children are currently attending or have graduated from A&M, and are encouraged to attend. Bring your child and be a role model for attending Class Reunion weekends.



# Class of 1975

## CLASSMATE NEWS

**D**avid “Fuzzy” Pierce and Diane report the birth of their grandchild, Holden Owen Packard, prospective Class of ’32, on 3-18-10. The picture below shows Grandpa **Fuzzy** holdin’ Holden on his lap! Diane and **David** can be reached at Box 2592, Humble 77347. [drpierce@humbleindustries.com](mailto:drpierce@humbleindustries.com)



**D**onald Barger reports that his daughter, Blair, graduated cum laude in December 2009 with a B.S. in human resources development and is currently employed with Baker Hughes in Houston. [donibarger@aol.com](mailto:donibarger@aol.com)

**F**red Liu currently works at the Aggie Department of Landscape Architecture. [lafred2020@yahoo.com](mailto:lafred2020@yahoo.com)

**T**ed H. Smith reports that Addison Faith Lock, prospective Class of ’32, was born on 4-2-10, to Brandon and Heather Lock of San Angelo. Grandpa **Ted** can be reached at P. O. Box 997, Mason, TX 76856. [tsmith4@verizon.net](mailto:tsmith4@verizon.net)

**F**ellow Classmate **Phil Sims** checks in from Mt. Everest and sends in the picture below to say, “Howdy!”.



**N**ancy W. Fisher reports that she recently joined Light for the Blind of Ft. Worth as the community development director. **Nancy** can be reached at Lighthouse for the Blind of Ft. Worth, 912 West Broadway, Ft. Worth 76104, phone number (817) 332 3341. [nfisher@lighthousefw.org](mailto:nfisher@lighthousefw.org)



## SILVER TAPS *Class of 1975*

**Sean A. Loughnane** of Prairie View, passed away 4-26-09.\*

**Richard E. King** of Guthrie, OK, passed away 9-23-09. **Richard** is survived by his wife, Catherine King, who can be reached at 11416 Wolf Creek Road, Guthrie, OK 73044-3526.\*

**Dr. James “Nub” Neighbors** of Denton, passed away 5-19-10.

**Dorothy Chandler** of Hearne, passed away 6-20-10.

\*The Association of Former Students was recently notified of this Classmate’s passing.

# Reunion Agenda

## CLASS OF 1975 35 YEAR REUNION NOVEMBER 19 - 21, 2010 COLLEGE STATION, TX

### Friday, November 19

Morning/Early afternoon	Reconnect with Classmates/friends on your own
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration & Check In begins - Hilton
6:30 p.m.	Reunion Registration & Check In continues at Messina Hof Winery
6:30 p.m.	Messina Hof Winery Tour
7:30 p.m.	Hors d'oeuvres display and cash wine bar at Messina Hof
Midnight	Yell Practice - Kyle Field

### \*Saturday, November 20

*\*times on Saturday are subject to change. Please continue to check our Reunion page on [AggieNetwork.com/Reunions](http://AggieNetwork.com/Reunions) for up-to-date details on the Reunion. (Parking is available in the West Campus Parking Garage on game days for \$20 per vehicle or use a game day parking pass)*

4 hours before kick off	Reunion Registration & Check In Continues - Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center - Participate in Association game day activities - cash bar and food (hotdogs, hamburgers, chopped beef sandwiches, incredible nachos) available to purchase from onsite vendors for those who didn't pre-register for the pre-game meal
3.5 hours before kick off	Pre game meal for those who pre-registered - Zachry Rooms of Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center - Class business meeting immediately following meal - Election of Class Agents, Roll Call of Classmates and other business
TBD	Nebraska vs Texas A&M, Kyle Field
Post game	Make plans to come tailgate after the game at <b>Fuzzy</b> and Diane's motor home. There will be a lot of talk about the game, good bull and good music to celebrate our BIG WIN over Nebraska. If you would like, you may drop off your chairs and coolers before the game, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE at that time. You will only be able to park for free in Lot R after the game.

### Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m.	Depart at your leisure
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**CLASS OF '75 REUNION REGISTRATION - NOVEMBER 19 - 21 2010**

**DEADLINES: REUNION REGISTRATION - NOV. 5 - HOTEL RESERVATIONS - OCT. 19**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION NAMETAGS

Please include the relationship\* of each guest and Class Years for all former students of A&M. \* spouse, child, friend, sibling, parent, etc...

Classmate Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 1 Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 2 Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION REGISTRATION & ACTIVITIES			TOTAL								
*Registration for myself	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - Classmate/Registrant		\$								
*Registration for Spouse & Guest(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 (one time charge, covers all guests)		\$								
<i>*Registration fees help cover expenses that include facility rental, event gratuity, audio/visual equipment needs, Class 12<sup>th</sup> Man Towel, printing and postage, &amp; other administrative costs.</i>											
I would like to update my Century Club Benefits today at the \$_____ level. (See page 2 or website for levels)			\$								
<b>Add a \$10 late fee if registering after November 5.</b>											
Indicate the activities each guest will be attending including yourself by filling the boxes on the left and your total on the right.											
<b>WHO'S ATTENDING</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COST/PERSON</b>									
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<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR REGISTRATION &amp; ACTIVITIES</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>								

Method of Payment: Please  one:  Check (Payable to The Association of Former Students)  
or  Credit Card: Mastercard / Visa / Discover / American Express

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Verification Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* The last 3 digits of the number printed on the signature line on the back of your card

If you have any special dietary or physical needs, please let us know: \_\_\_\_\_

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**505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840**  
**or fax to 979-845-9263**  
**ATTN: Class of '75 Reunion**  
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