

# Tempe Union High Class of 1961

THS MEMORY TOUR

Photo Memories  
Of  
The 50 Year Reunion  
Embassy Suites, Tempe, AZ  
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“Fifty Years And Still Going Strong!”

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# Saturday Morning, THS Tour

- A big thanks to Eldon Smith for making the arrangements to tour our Alma Matter.
- Jess Thompson provided information on improvements and expansion to THS since our graduation. Jess taught at Tempe High for over 30 years.
- Jerry Hall spoke too, of the 4 generations of the Hall family that attended schools in Tempe.



## Photos

Top: Tempe High School 1957

Bottom: From Right to Left, Eldon Smith, Jess Thompson, ?, Jerry Hall

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Left: Al Hobbs (Irene Murphy), Jerry Johnson (Barbra Brock), John Ellingson, John Hollis, Martha Brubaker,

Right: Beverly Fuller Standing and Laura Scott Brow pose for the camera while waiting for the tour to start.

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Left: University Drive Inn, who does not remember their great \$0.35 burgers?  
Right: It's Connie Allen and Husband Paul Vallone with those great UDI Tee's.

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Left: Laura, Ralph and Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater, chat during the wait

Right: John Pritchard, Myrle Goldsmith Cozby, in the back Tom Krill, Don Coleman, Bill Thomas, Roy Brandly, and John Farrington.

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Left: Martha Brubaker Hoyt, John Hollis, in the back Tom Wing and wife, Duane Strebe, Ed Mezes, Louise Bonenberger Snell, Pete Wood, John Ellingson.

Right: Helen (Murphy) and Al Hobbs



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Right: Ben Moffat a student at Tempe High and his Dad, Pat Moffat. Good thing that Ben was there to help us find our way around and to take photos. Ben is a member of his own version of the “Elite Luncheon Club,” meeting daily in the cafeteria.

Left: Eldon talks about our tour (far left) while classmates shoot pictures and exchange greetings.

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Left: Diane Rickel Bradley, Linda Fuller Wells, and Donna Pinkston Clark. Ann Purcell (Nick).  
Right: Pete Wood and Ralph Bell watch Jerry Hall during his presentation. John Pritchard .

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Left: Our tour starts in the Administration building. Just inside the door are glass cases with trophies and mementos of Tempe High history.

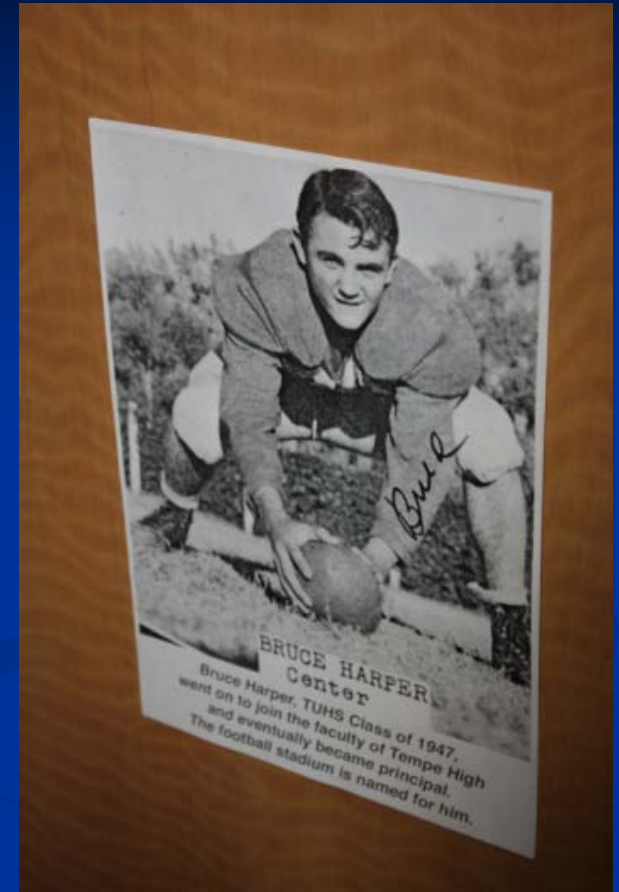
Right: Remember the Buffalo? Originally attached to the gym. Jess said it was to be thrown away during the gym remodel, but it was saved by the alumni and integrated into the entry way design.

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We pause to look at the many pictures and mementos of the history of Tempe High. Cameras flash and click as memories of our school days are relived.

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The picture from 1957 got lots of attention as well as the picture of Bruce Harper, Class of 1947. Ten years later, he was on the staff of Tempe High...

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The original Union High School Building burned in 1955 after classes had moved to current campus in 1953.



Many of us can't remember the original Tempe High that was destroyed by fire in 1955. Was it Arson, or just a prank gone bad? An electrical fire? There are those that know what really happened.

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Left: As we leave the Administration Building, our classmates and guests are now on our way to visit the Auditorium.

Right: Laura Scott Brow, Margret Hyer Heiser, Beverly Fuller Standing and Martha Brubaker Hoyt take a look at the inner THS campus before touring the Auditorium.

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Left: John Farrington leads a group into the Auditorium. The Auditorium was built while the Class of 1961 were students. Our classmates were cast members of the first performances staged here.



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After touring the Auditorium, we move to the Theatre Arts classrooms.

Left: Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater, Gwen Owens Huffman, Margaret Hyer Heiser, Martha Brubaker Hoyt, C.S. Mabee McFadden and Diane Rickel Bradley.

Right: Down the halls we go, to the Library

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Left: Alberta Hopkins chats with Pete Wood while walking the halls

Right: Walking and talking the corridors between buildings. We follow our guide down the once familiar walkways.

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Left: In the Library, C.S. Mabee McFadden and John Ellingson chat. Ron Carr and Bill Thomas in the background.

Right: Jess Thompson explains the growth and services that the Library staff provide current students.

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Left: Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater sets at “The Desk” once used by Mr. Roland DeMunbrun. Remember third-hour English class Dena? Check page 14 in your 61’ Horizon.

Right: Irene (Helen) Murphy Hobbs, Tom and Beverly Wing.

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Left: Duane Strebe and Tom Krill chat with Susan Coulson Condon.

Right: Elaine Beckman Brown and Gary Adams ham it up for the cameras.

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Right: Our tour enters the gym. Memories of basketball games, dances, pep rallies, assemblies, and dress up day flood our memories

Left: Some of the awards won by Tempe teams.

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- Lets take a group shot! After 50 years, can you tell who's who?
- Check the next couple of pages to see

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- Use the number on each person to compare with names on the next 2 pages.



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#	Name	#	Name
1	Brenda Batchelor Kilgard	14	Roy Brandly
2	Susan Coulson Condon	15	Bob Hallett
3	Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater	16	Diane Rickel Bradley
4	Tom Wing	17	Gwen Owens Huffman
5	Donna Pinkston Clark	18	Barbra Brock Carlson
6	Laura Scott	19	Elaine Beckman Brown
7	Marth Brubaker Hoyt	20	Margaret Hyer Heiser
8	Beverly Fuller Standing	21	Ralph Bell
9	Eldon Smith	22	Tom Krill
10	C.S. Mabee McFadden	23	Dave Short
11	Irene (Helen) Murphy Hobbs	24	Pete Wood
12	Charles Holly	25	John Farrington
13	Louise Bonnenberger Snell	26	John Hollis

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27	John Pritchard	39	Linda Fuller Wells
28	Larry Gilbert	40	Pat Moffat
29	Ann Purcell (Nick)	41	Dan Clark
30	Sandy Flowers Watson	42	Jerry Hall
31	Connie Allen Vallone	43	Herb McLure
32	Kathy Curtiss Huff	44	Ed Mezzes
33	Randall Ramsey	45	John Ellingson
34	Jim Early	46	Nick Purcell
35	Bill Thomas	47	Duane Strebb
36	Myrle Goldsmith Cozby	48	Jess Thompson
37	Gary Adams	49	Dick Erickson
38	Ron Carr		

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Left: After 50 years, it's time to see if Bill Thomas still has that magic touch!  
Right: Dick Erickson tries his skill too. Who made their shot?

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You should have been there!!!

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Left: Jess Thompson details the technical aspects of the Track & Field area.

Right: We move to the only two story building on campus for one more group photos.

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- By now you should know everyone. Check the next couple of pages to see

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2	Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater	12	Jess Thompson
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4	Beverly Fuller Standing	14	Chuck Holly
5	Laura Scott Brow	15	Jerry Hall
6	Brenda Batchelor Kilgard	16	Barbra Brock Carlson
7	Kathy Curtiss Huff	17	Irene (Helen) Murphy Hobbs
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- The Tempe High School tour was an easy fun filled stroll down memory lane.
- Thanks to Eldon Smith, Jess Thompson and Jerry Hall for hosting the event.
- For more pictures from this as well as other reunion activities, refer to the directory on the reunion DVD.

## Photo Credits

- Kathy Curtis Huff
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