

# Rebel YELL



Summer 2013



Welcome! Thank you for taking the time to peruse this issue of the Rebel Yell, the Hill College Alumni newsletter. It is my privilege to serve as your Coordinator of Alumni Relations. I have been with the college for five years, previously working in enrollment management and academic advising.

I look forward to keeping you informed and hope to meet you at upcoming alumni receptions, reunions and events. Please contact me with suggestions or questions at [mbusby@hillcollege.edu](mailto:mbusby@hillcollege.edu) or by phone at 254-659-7510.

We are excited to re-connect with alumni and friends, whether you have graduated, taken one class or count yourself a friend of the college. As we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the college's charter, please accept our invitation to partner with us as we continue to serve you.



**Matthew Busby**  
Coordinator of Alumni Relations

## A HISTORY OF HILL COLLEGE

(formerly Hillsboro Junior College)

Hill College celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. The cornerstone of the original building was laid May 9, 1923, and the college officially opened on September 10 of that same year. In recognition of these important dates, we will publish a history of the college in monthly segments from May through September, 2013.

The early years of Hillsboro Junior College in the 1920s, 30s and 40s were great ones: the first municipal junior college in Texas, an innovative public education system which combined high school and junior college, a campus that was sought out for conferences, and a state champion football team.

These were among its many notable achievements. HJC's most illustrious ex-student from the period was Bob Bullock, 1947-48, who went on to lead the state of Texas as a member of the House of Representatives and ultimately the 38th lieutenant governor of Texas.

Two graduates from the late 1940's recently reflected on their experience at Hillsboro Junior College. Dr. Ray Dean Carroll, who played on the 1947 state championship football team and Sarah Harvey Wilkinson, the 1948 valedictorian and yearbook editor, both credited HJC for their success.

Hillsboro Junior College truly became the focal point of the community and a model for higher education.

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Carroll



Harvey

## STUDENT CORNER

A broken arm could not stop Hill College's Tim Bingham from becoming the eighth National Champion (seventh in bull riding) for Hill College. It is the fifth national title in bull riding for the school in the last 11 years.

"He is the new face of the rodeo cowboy," Hill College Rodeo Head Coach Paul Brown said. "With Tim's guts, determination and brains he will go far in the rodeo world. Bingham is also a model student athlete as he not only won the NIRA National Championship in bull riding, but he will also be an Academic All-American this year."

After winning the first round with a score of 83.5, Bingham landed on his free hand and broke his arm in three places. He proceeded to ride three more times and scored twice (79.5 and 79 in the championship round) to claim the title.

Fellow teammate Blane Cox also had a strong showing as he finished seventh in tie down roping and 10th in steer wrestling which placed him fifth in the men's all-around. Michael Houston finished 22nd in saddle bronc riding, Colt Bruce 29th in bronc riding, Dalton Votaw 12th in bull riding, and Joe Norell 14th in team roping to round out the team. The Hill College team finished fifth out of 58 universities and colleges (best finish since 2005).

"This was probably one of the best well-rounded teams that Hill has ever sent to the College National Finals Rodeo," Brown added.

Brown told the board of regents last week that Hill is tied with Sul Ross State University with the most titles in the history of college rodeo, which dates back to 1949. He pointed out that Sul Ross' last title was in 1962.

For more information on the Hill College rodeo team, visit [www.hillcollege.edu/athletics/](http://www.hillcollege.edu/athletics/)



*Tim Bingham*

### Alumni Give Back: Boots & Suits Ball raises over \$51,000 for EMS Professions

The Eighth Annual Boots & Suits Ball - held May 11th - proved to be a great success as nearly 300 members of the community and Hill College family partnered to raise support for the Hill College Emergency Medical Services Professions.

"The recent purchase of a retired ambulance provides students enhanced simulated training opportunities," said Diedra Blankenship, EMS Professions Director.



### Stay Connected with fellow alumni & college events by joining the Hill College Alumni & Friends Association.

Requesting your card is easy, free and you will get:

- Alumni newsletters
- Access to the College Library Services
- Unlimited use of the College Fitness Center
- Free admission to all Hill College athletic events
- Invitations to special events
- 10% discount at the campus bookstore
- 10% discount at the Texas Heritage Museum Store



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 10** - Performing Arts presents the Crystal Trio from Siberia, Russia on Hillsboro campus. Free concert at 7:30 p.m. followed by reception.

**Sept. 27 and 28** - Join Hill College alumni & friends at the Cotton Pickin' Fair as we celebrate the college's 90th anniversary and the 160th anniversary of Hill County and Hillsboro. Food, drinks, live music, games, barbeque cookoff and much more. Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 10am-6pm. Outdoor movie, E.T. showing at 8 p.m.

**Sept. 28** - Performing Arts alumni reunion. For more information contact Matthew Busby.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# Art Mann

Following years of doling out awards and serving as master of ceremonies at numerous events, it was Arthur (Art) Mann's turn for recognition, as the 2013 Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Mann has worked at The Reporter Newspaper and 1560 KHBR Radio for 31 years, currently serving as news editor for both media.

A native of Hillsboro, he grew up and attended grade school in Malone and graduated from Hubbard High School. He attended Hill College in Hillsboro and transferred to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism with a minor in business.

While there, he met and married his wife of 32 years, Susan.

The couple has two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Chris Lidster and Ada and Justin Motherspau. They also have one grand-daughter, Keira Sidney Lidster, age four.

Some of his achievements include being a founding member of the Hill County "Go Texan" Committee, served as chairman of the Hill County Ag Youth Board and has organized Hill County Day in Austin during the Texas Legislative sessions for many years.

He was honored with a special House of Representatives' resolution in recognition of his chamber award. The resolution, which was prepared and signed by Representative Byron Cook and former representative Jim Pitts was read at a luncheon during Hill County Day Wednesday, February 27.

Mann helps with publicity on many activities throughout the county, including the Cotton Pickin' Fair and numerous other local events.

After the Hill County Courthouse burned in 1993, he was part of the fund-raising effort to help restore the building.

He served on the chamber board for several years, including a term as president.

The Hillsboro resident was recently made an honorary member in the Hillsboro Lions Club and has been awarded the Liberty Bell Award by the Hill County Bar Association.

Mann is a member of the Friends of the Hillsboro City Library, the Hillsboro Heritage League, the Century Club of Hill College and the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association.

*Courtesy of The Hillsboro Reporter*



*Rep. Byron Cook, Art Mann, Rep. Jim Pitts*

**“With his enthusiasm and dedication, Art Mann has made a positive difference in the lives of his fellow citizens...”**

**- Rep. Jim Pitts, Texas House Resolution No. 650**

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Paul Brown has led the Rebels for the past 23 years as Head Rodeo Coach. He also serves as athletic director and program coordinator for agriculture science. During his tenure here, Hill College has had eight individual national champions (seven in bull riding and one in calf roping) and seven individual reserve national champions. His teams have accumulated 18 regional team championships, eight reserve regional team championships and finished in the Top 10 national team standings 14 times.

Brown began his coaching career at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas, in 1988. He was there for two years until taking over the position at Hill College. Prior to his coaching career, Brown worked as an assistant county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension in Eastland County and as a research assistant in Stephenville and College Station.

Brown received his bachelor's (cum laude) and master's degree from Tarleton State University. While working on his bachelor's degree, he competed for Tarleton's rodeo team from 1980-84.

Brown grew up in Cushing, a small East Texas town. He and his wife Traci have five children: Randa, working for the Head Start program; Tomile, a radiation therapist at Southwestern Medical in Dallas; son-in-law Cody Rostockyj, a professional bull rider; Jake, student at Texas A&M University-Commerce and Hill College rodeo assistant coach; and Sage, a third grader at Hillsboro ISD.



*Paul Brown*



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