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## SRD ALUMNAE NEWS Fall 2007

### SRD's 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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Future Sardines wearing clothes from SRD's 9 decades. This picture will be on T-shirts sold at the reunion in adult & children's sizes.

### You are Cordially Invited to the 2007 Alumnae Reunion 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1922-2007

Saturday, November 10, 2007  
Lunch, CCBs & Munchies  
TexasTech v. Texas

Game tickets 512/471-3333 or 800/982-BEVO

Reunion week, call SRD at 512/476-9131 or check our website at [www.srd.org](http://www.srd.org) to verify the exact reunion time. As of now the reunion will be from 12 to 4 pm. Due to TV airtime, kickoff time will not be known until the week of the game. So, reunion week, call SRD at 512/476-9131 or check our website at [www.srd.org](http://www.srd.org) to verify the exact reunion time so you won't miss the reunion.

#### CURRENT HAPPENINGS

We have gotten stories from everyone, Residents, Waiters, Workers, Friends and Family members who visited SRD. Amie (Stone) King '93-'97 has edited "It's a Sardine's Life for me, A memoir of the Scottish Rite Dormitory." This book is the history of SRD as told by past and present residents, waiters, employees, parents, and others. According to Amie, things have definitely changed over the years but it's amazing how some things, like the bonds of friendship, never change. Amie wants to thank everyone who participated in this book. The book will be for sale and we hope you will join us at the reunion and see your memories in print!

Another history book about SRD from minutes of Board Meetings and conversations with former residents has been compiled by Dr. Margaret Berry (BA '37). It will also be for sale at the reunion.

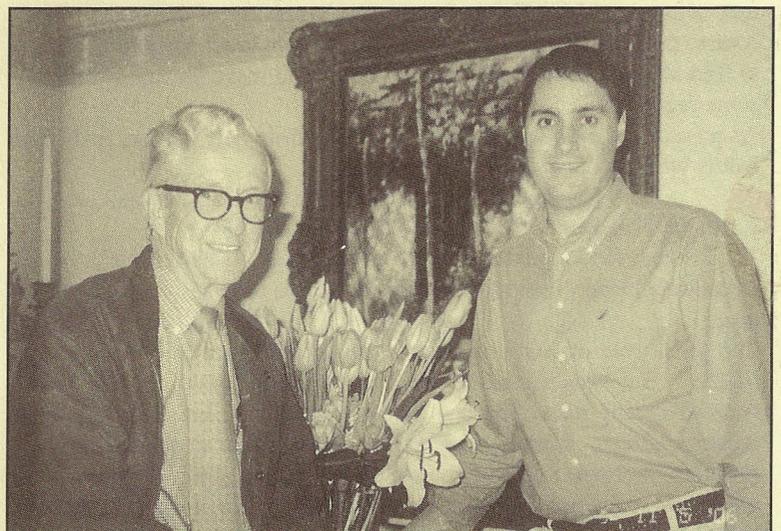
#### Around SRD

As you have all heard, the "Hill Country" has had a lot of rain this spring/summer. It has been described as a 500-year event. SRD and Austin haven't received as much rain and are fine.

#### At SRD

Flat Screen TVs have been ordered for the nine lounges (smokers) on the halls.

SRD will be at full capacity during the Fall 2007 semester.



James R. Hutton (Darkhorse Waiter) '41-'43, '46-'48 and  
Matt King (Waiter) '94-96  
Our thanks to Ollie D. Brown (Darkhorse) for the tulips.

**MEMORIES-**

**Jane (Shaver) Blanks '36-'38**

I wonder how many residents remember how well we lived in SRD. This is a copy of my 1936 receipt for room & board. [Total \$40.00/month] I believe we were charged an additional \$2/month the next year, when every room got its own phone.

One of my neighbors at my Houston condo says he well remembers how the underclassmen waited & hoped for an invitation to Sunday dinner at SRD-their good meal of the week.

I remember moving my bed out to the west sleeping porch (so Rose (Neal) Stewart and I would have more room in #11.) It was a cold, unheated porch which became right chilly in January.

All my memories are good ones.



**Circa 40's from the "Daily Texan"**

**SRDines 'Grow in' Their Own In 1½ Acre Victory Garden**

**Victory gardening is the latest hobby of about forty girls in Scottish Rite Dormitory.**

Behind the dorm there is a small winding walk that leads to a vacant lot- at least it was vacant until some of the girls recently got the idea that this land could be put to a vital use-raising food stuffs to be served at tables in S.R.D.

The girls have in cultivation about an acre and a half of fairly rich soil. With the help of two gardeners they have plowed the land, spread fertilizer on it and planted carrots, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, collards, radishes, onions, and practically every other vegetable they could think of.

The recent freeze was somewhat disheartening to the farmerettes because it killed some of their up and coming crops. But now they have replanted the frozen vegetables in the hopes that there will be no more cold-spells before spring.

Some of the girls have even gone so far as to purchase fancy gardening costumes, and each day after lunch at least a dozen of them are in the "field" with a trowel or spade working the crop. "There are about ten girls to the ten square feet." the gardener who helps them with the harder jobs laughed. "But they are a good bunch of workers."

When the harvest comes there will be more vegetables on the menu than ever before, said Miss Selma Street, who has charge of the project. "Of course, the vegetables raised on this small plot of ground wouldn't begin to feed all the girls in the dormitory, but it will make for the savings of some vegetables in the markets."

At present the girls are enthusiastic about their new garden, and can hardly wait until they make a "crop."

... A few days later this appeared in the "Daily Texan" ...

**Eating Is Fun, But SRDines Don't Like to Garden**

The SRDine victory garden is in the groove. Nearly one-third of an acre is under cultivation, and this is expected to be enlarged for next fall's crop.

The girls were at first enthusiastic about their part in watering the garden. But watering takes time, and a small group of girls have watered it only once. The one gardener sees to it, however, that the mustard greens, lettuce, snap beans, squash, cantelope, egg plant, tomatoes, radishes, and corn receive all the necessary care. Water is the gardener's main problem because it takes so long to get around to every plant.

Radishes have appeared on the dining table frequently; mustard greens have been served twice. More than one hundred pounds of snap beans have been served, and the tomatoes, while not quiet ripe, are at present as big as golf balls, and are expected to be edible soon. The corn, which was planted by the girls, is at its tassel stage now.

**We'd like to hear from YOU. Send your favorite SRD memories and/or photos, to SRD Alumnae.**

Mail to SRD Alumnae, 210 W. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, Texas 78705.

E-mail addresses: [srd@onr.com](mailto:srd@onr.com) & [alum@srd.org](mailto:alum@srd.org)

Fax: 512-476-3367

Please complete and return in enclosed envelope:

**Donations/Address Changes/2007 Reunion Reservations**

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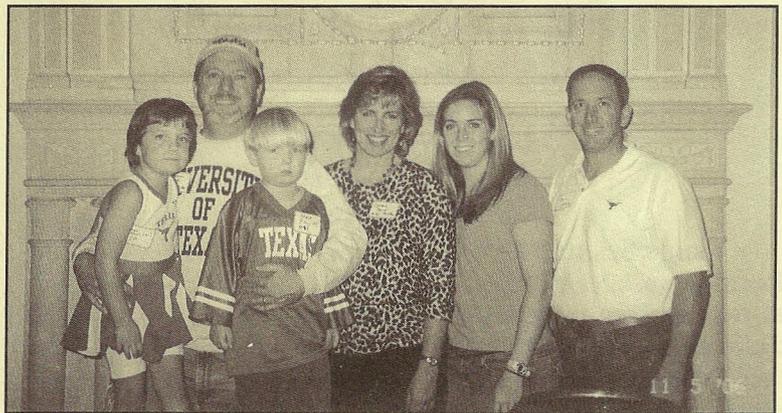
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**Lexi Phillips (6) Shannon Phillips (Waiter) '80-'83, Max Phillips (4), Cynthia (Baird) Horsley '79-'82, Allison Horsley '06 and Chris Horsley**



**Dru Ellis '73-76, Dorothy (Bethea) Ellis '43-'44, Laura (Ellis) Kuivenhoven '78-'82**