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Newsletter...

Auld Lang Syne Edition

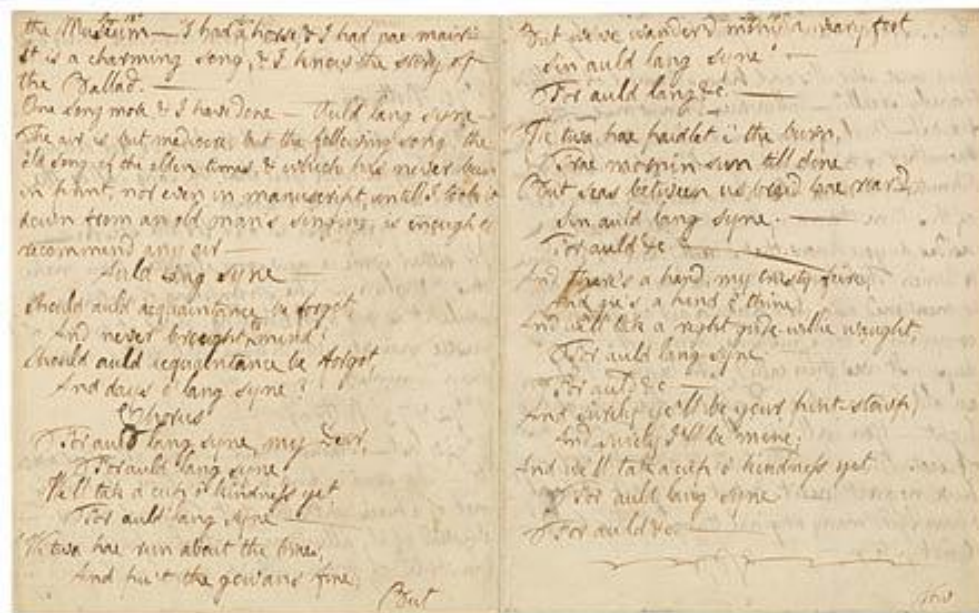
*Dateline: The 'way north Austin outpost—Wiscasset, Maine—second star on the right and on past morning. January 17. Settle in. There's a story behind our absence. First, can we just say it's hard to take the Austin snow hoopla seriously when up here it's been piled high as the porch since before Thanksgiving? *really, tinkerbelle, there's no substitute for the real thing* and it's wild and beautiful out there...all peakyroofed and stonewalled and 80 foot firs dolloped with cream and sugar. Softens the noise of mind and heart...brings on smugness to be by the fire. So we made the big move. Shook off 71 years of dust from our flipflops and traded 'em in on LLBeans. It was a moment. *fyi we would'nt be caught dead in little sparkly redmaryjanes muttering "there's no place like home" ... we feel right at home already, and LL doesn't deal in foolish footwear anyways**



Wanna a new perspective? Live by a different river. The Sheepscot is wider and colder than the Colorado, but there be lobster and clam out there. And the natives are easily amused. From behind the counter in the hardware store they notice the old convertible with studded snowtires and Texas plates and the black lab in the front seat. How's it goin? Great! Thank y'all very much! It

makes their whole day that we decorate their parking lot. And the Federal Street neighbors are all knotted up with kindness. Free coaching on ancient stoves. Bringing over a pot of stew and checking frosted windows. Even if they think we might be nuts, **nobody** is gonna die on **their** watch. But the tiny 200 yr old steps down a dark hole to check the oil tank gauge?..we are still in yikes mode on that. But ohhhh the adventure of it all. And so it was that this year a PFA (Person From Away) plopped down at a migrated Texas baby grand *sans green card or immigration papers* and played Auld Lang Syne. And some really fine Mainers lifted their "pint-stowps" [tankards, sorta] of "right gud willie waught" [goodwill draught, in this case cheap champagne] and sang with abandon and totally made up words. Worked! It is in the spirit of the **actual** auld lyrics we again take up the work of keeping us connected, 'for days gone by." Which is to say, for the sake of "Loyal Forever."

[\[Burns' original letter\]](#)



Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And days o' lang syne [long since/gone by]?

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere [friend]!
 And gie's [give] a hand o' thine!
 And we'll tak a right guid willy waught,
 For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be [buy] your pint-stowp!

And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my Dear,

For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

Varsity Football Finishes Strong

BY JOSLYNN SANCHEZ | Copy Editor

This regular season our Maroon Football team finished strong with second in district, top seed in our playoff bracket, a four-game winning streak, and made it to the first round of playoffs.

"We've worked really hard this season to get to where we are. Seeing how much our hard work has paid off feels really good," senior outside linebacker Luke Ramirez said.

The boys' work for this season began with summer workouts, two-a-days, and early morning practices during the fall semester. Our Maroons fought hard until the very end of their season, finishing strong against Travis high school with a 61-0 win. Their overall win-loss record was 7-3, and their district record was 5-1 with losses to McNeil, A&M Consolidated, and McCallum.

Seniors finished their last high school regular season with players like Kevin Pate making over 95 tackles, and Tristan Wooten topping state rankings for first place in tackles multiple times through the season. Juniors definitely made a name for themselves with star players like Sam Saxton, totaling over 18 touchdown passes for the season, Sawyer Berry, with over 311 receiving yards, and Tevin Wooten, with six interceptions this season. The future is bright for Maroon Football with juniors like Saxton, Berry, and Wooten carrying the team well into the next season.



Offensive lineman Juan Quesada celebrates a touchdown by lifting varsity running back Jordan Mitchell in the air. Mitchell averaged 53 yards a game. "I just felt excited making a touchdown. Me and Juan planned it out so everytime I score we do that," Mitchell said. Photo by Austin Abrego

"A lot of our team right now consists of seniors, but we have a strong group of juniors and underclassmen, so we're excited about next season since this one was so successful," junior wide receiver Devin Quintana said.

In their last game of the year, Maroons put up a tough fight against Boerne Champion in round one of playoffs, losing by only 11 points. The team finished their season strong, and underclassmen players anticipate doing better next season as they continue to carry the team towards success.

The current AHS storyline ...

If you haven't seen the last hot issue of The Maroon [and why would you have journeyed to that website all by yourselves?] you can check it out [here](#) (click on that, you sweet dino). There are five issues a year and if you want a thrill, as we all still do even 70 years down the road, click on the box under "The Maroon - December 2017" to expand to full screen ... if none of this makes sense, your best shot is to yell out the door and get help from the nearest millennial [aka grandchild].

A quick recap of the year so far: Austin voters overwhelmingly approved a \$1b (that's a B) school

bond in November and AHS is on the list—but somewhere near the bottom. The Maroon Marching Band went to State for the first time in 30 years, The football team at least made it into the playoffs. Cross country girls, varsity tennis, and varsity volleyball teams all won district. Woohoo. And then this tweet from Friday night: [The Maroon News@sfamaroon](https://twitter.com/sfamaroon)

Girls Varsity Basketball wins their second game of the week. Final Score: Maroons 82 - McCallum Knights 15

NYAAA Big Mac & way to go 'ROONS!

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Reunion 55?

There are rumors. Probably some big margarita talk. But word is there will be... *something*... planned for the fall. Maybe September 9th? Maybe at Scholtz's? Nothing else but Pecan Street Festival seems to be going on that weekend. SO. If y'all are even SORTA thinking this would be a fun idea, write in and say so. We think it's a **slamdunk**. Y'all speak UP. HIT REPLY. Ain't hard. We're waitin'...

This just in...

from JOE HARPER :)



Remember back before the interstate whacked through a perfectly good road named East Avenue? Even before that, when there were mostly 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. Here are a few just for fun:

*A man, a miss,
A car a curve.
He kissed the miss,
And missed the curve.
~Burma Shave~*

*Trains don't wander
All over the map
'Cause nobody sits
On the engineer's lap.*

*Ben met Anna
Made a hit
Forgot to shave
Ben-Anna split.*

Thanks Joe for sending these (and MORE) — we spent a happy afternoon looking up pictures for the column and we ALWAYS appreciate good help!



So here we are with a new start on birthdays...and apologies to those who celebrated 72 (and a few youngsters who turned 71) for missing your fun day from last June till now. As always, if your birthday isn't on here just buck up and send it in—we can't make these things up willynilly no matter WHAT you think!! Heeere we go [cue the candles and the fire dept]:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Ginnie Lou Peck Smith (45)

02 Doug Spiller (45)

03 John Bode (46)

05 Myron Ralph Boyd (45)

06 Bev Wright Witwer (45)

07 Harold Hashem (45)

09 Mike DeGeurin (45)

10 Dick Williamson (45)

10 Jimmy Collier (45)

10 Gwen Doss Stone (45)

11 John Pendleton (45)

12 Grady McGonagill (45)

12 Charlotte Johnson Klingman (45)

15 Lulu Peal Muse (45)

15 Scotty Thomas (45)

15 Tom Dunlap (45)

18 Vickie Herold Dow (45)

19 Bill Crimm (45)

19 Betty Hage Heaton (45)

20 Kenny Roberts (45)

21 Janan Rodgers Moses (45)

22 Gloria Sue Cook Hyatt (45)

22 Bo Rothchild(45)

23 Danny Kohler (46)

23 Steve Goodwin (45)

24 Grant Simpson (45)

27 Jann Sorrell Fractor (45)

29 Harry Menn, Jr. (45)

And just one more tiny note— we keep people on this list even after they have gone on because this is a celebration of being BORN and being a member of this class. And for that same reason we do not go back to denote passing. For a list of those who have gone before, go to the class webpage where **Bonnie Isaac**—who is a saint before her time—is the keeper of all things, including these newsletters.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our class website!



James Thad "Jim" Harrison, Jr.

James Thad Harrison, Jr. passed away on Monday, December 11, 2017 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty; his children, Courtney Harrison of San Francisco, and J.T. Harrison and Lacey Harrison of Thomasville, and two adorable grandchildren, Jay and Charlotte Harrison.

A resident of Tallahassee for 43 years, Jim was an Assistant Professor at FSU College of Business for 5 years, a 1991 Honors graduate of FSU College of Law, a CPCU, CLU, ChFC, CIC, and a teacher and consultant throughout the insurance industry. Over his career, he spoke to audiences in 50 states, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Great Britain.

A memorial service was held December 17, 2017, at Bevis Funeral Home, Tallahassee.

[Our thanks to Jimmy Wilson for sending this in.]

Helen Helem Zander



Helen Zaander, 72, was born in Austin, Texas on May 12,-1945. She passed away October 30, 2017 in Carrollton, Tx. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert (Dick) and Helen Clara Zander and her oldest sister, Doris. Survivors are sister, Carolyn Aguilar, nieces, Kristina Harsh, Cynthia Moore, Kimmy Robinson and nephew Michael Huston. She worked at the Austin Chamber of Commerce before moving to Carrollton. Helen was an avid lover of animals (especially cats) and had many of her own and did foster care for cats and kittens in her own home. Donations can be given in her honor to the ASPCA.

[Thanks so much to Claudia Middleton for having this one and keeping us in the loop.]

LOYAL FOREVER, Y' ALL