

# Aggie News

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## From The Editor:

Greetings Classmates,  
This issue of The Aggie News will have somewhat abbreviated content because we are including a copy of the proposed Essex Aggie Alumni Association By-Laws document.

The Alumni Association Officers and Directors would like to wish everyone a most happy New Year.

*Charlie Main* Class of '56

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## Alumni Assn. Directors Meet

On September 11, 2004 the alumni board of directors met in Danvers, Mass. The discussion centered on: Where have we come from? How did we get there? Where are we going? The other major portion of the meeting was dedicated to finalizing the proposed Essex Aggie Alumni Association By-Laws document. The foundation has been laid and with the help of our elected board of directors and other volunteers we should have a secure and more effective future as an association.

## Director Positions Still Open:

We still have several open positions on the board of directors. If anyone from the graduating classes of 1930s, 1940s, 1990s and 2000s would like to serve on the board they should contact the Secretary so that their nomination can be placed before the board.



## Alumni By-Laws Ballot:

A ballot to accept or reject the proposed alumni by-laws is included at the bottom of page 7. Ballots will be accepted from current members only who have paid their dues.

**Ballots must be returned by February 1, 2005.**

## Feature Article:

### **Delay of new vocational school hurts students** - By Melissa Beecher, Staff writer

The Daily News - Newburyport, Massachusetts - July 24, 2004

DANVERS -- Hundreds of local students will be turned away from vocational education in September because trade schools have held off expanding programs in anticipation of the new North Shore Technical and Agricultural High School. The merger of Essex Agricultural and Technical High School in Danvers, North Shore Technical School in Middleton and Peabody Vocational School in Peabody was first proposed in 1998. Since that time, major projects at two of the three schools have been stalled as state leaders have attempted to find a way to fund the \$100 million project.

The five-year holding pattern does not sit well with some.

"Children are being turned away due to lack of space, denied of an opportunity to obtain a vocational education, and that's something that cannot be tolerated," said Danvers Town Manager Wayne Marquis, who also chairs a committee studying the merger. "Issues need to be addressed at both schools."

An estimated 400 students were turned away in the last year at Essex Aggie and North Shore Tech due to lack of space or resources, according to the superintendents.

"Really, this (merger) should have happened yesterday," said Amy O'Malley, superintendent of North Shore Tech. "Each year I turn between 200 to 300 students away because we just don't have the room."

The early plans call for building the new school on the current Essex Aggie grounds off Route 62 in Danvers. The 450,000-square-foot building would accommodate 1,400 students from all over Essex County. But the construction of the new school is still many years away and programs are suffering.

According to O'Malley, her school has been unable to expand the electrical and plumbing departments or create a dental assistant program due to a lack of space.

Essex Aggie Director Gustave Olson said although his school is well maintained, the facility is starting to feel its age. "The only reason we have not grown ourselves is because of the proposed merger," said Olson. "We wanted to grow in 1995, but were asked to wait because of the merger. We're still waiting."

Peabody Superintendent Nadine Binkley said her district is fortunate to have maintained its vocational programs, but while students can enroll in culinary arts or carpentry programs, some courses of study like agriculture can't be offered. "There are some programs we're not able to offer at Peabody High School," said Binkley.

Olson said the \$100 million figure is still less than the cost of rebuilding three programs independently. He believes by the time the ground is broken on the site, the price tag could easily top \$150 million. "The reality is that this is a slow process," O'Malley said. "Everyone has financial concerns and we have to work within that reality."

Some progress has been made, although how the school will be paid for continues to be a roadblock.

Last month, a bill that would officially make the three schools one entity passed the Senate. That bill still needs to pass the House and get Gov. Mitt Romney's signature. But without cash to back it up, the school could be considered an unfunded mandate.

State Rep. Ted Speliotis, D-Danvers, said the plans cannot proceed without a way to pay for it. The state's School Building Assistance fund, which pays a percentage of the construction costs, is already committed to 420 school projects. The proponents of the new technical school couldn't even apply for any state money until 2007. "As legislators, we have to pause and hear local concerns," said Speliotis. "Although this (merger) is one of the highest priorities that I have ... it is a very expensive project. The economy put a lot of things on hold and this happened to be one of them."

Superintendents are concerned just how much longer vocational education in the region will be placed on hold.

"Without available vocational programs, kids stay in their home districts and seek an alternative route to trades," said O'Malley. "An educational option is closed to them. It's sad."

## News From The Classes:

### Howard Bradstreet Class of 1947

An obituary in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune announced the death of Howard Bradstreet at the age of 75. Howard was class President in 1947.

### Charles Crosby Class of 1948

Charles Crosby, 75 of Manchester, husband of 53 years to Carolyn (Derry) Crosby passed away on June 23, 2004 at home after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrigs Disease. Charles was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War. He was employed as store manager for a wallpaper and paint company in New Canaan for many years and most recently was owner/operator of Larry's Paint & Wallpaper in Pound Ridge, NY for 11 years.

### Denis DiGrazia Class of 1956

Denis DiGrazia age 66 passed away on July 1, 2004 after a short illness. Denis was born in Methuen and moved to Deltona, FL in 1989. He was a master electrician for 30 years.

### Chet Mazer Class of 1959

Chet Mazer '59 was pleased to inform us that he recently became a grandfather for the first time. His son Jeff and his wife Nicole (both Attorneys) received a precious package from the stork on November 2. Benjamin was born at 7:00am and weighed 6 lbs 15 oz.

### Frederick Sylva Class of 1960

Fred's wife Jacqueline informed us that he died last October at age 61.

### Ken White Class of 1980

Is anyone interested in a class of 1980 reunion? Only six months till Summer!  
Contact Ken White at: [kjetfixer@juno.com](mailto:kjetfixer@juno.com)

### Angela (Bodoni) Spivack Class of 1986

My husband Lee and I welcomed twins Samantha Abigail and Peter Daniel on October 19, into our family. They join our 2 cats and 4 bunnies. Peter weighed 5lbs, 6oz and was 18 1/4' long and Samantha weighed 4lbs, 1oz and was 16 1/2" long. Both are growing fast and have wonderful personalities. To see pictures, visit their website at "[www.pbase.com/spivack/twins](http://www.pbase.com/spivack/twins)" Angela Spivack

### Kelli Roberts Class of 1994

Richard Barbeau of the school staff reports of the death of Kelli Roberts '94. She died after a lengthy illness.

### Kathryn Rowley Class of 1998

Hi. It's Kathryn Rowley from the class of 1998. My little piece of news is that I had a beautiful, happy, and healthy baby boy on Aug. 10, 2004. He was born at Salem Hospital at 5:13 pm, was 22" long, and 9 pounds 3 ounces. We named him Joseph Allen Hnulik. Joseph, his father, Josef, and I live in Gloucester, MA.

### John Perkins Class of 1961

To the Aggie I proclaim and want to say  
You are the reason I am what I am today  
I think back to the teachers so dedicated and true  
I think back to my buddy Al Bleau  
In the early day I hitch hiked about 20 miles  
and I greeted each of my drivers all with smiles  
I went to school and all of the class sessions  
It taught me academics and about life's lessons  
Now that I've reached the age of sixty  
my days at the Aggie are all history  
but it gave me a great start  
it gave me what I have in my heart

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To all my class mates from the graduating class of 1961 and my teachers I thank you for making me the kind of person I am today.

Old memories not forgotten, New memories made.

**John Perkins '61**

## Reunions:

### Class of 1975

Thomas Gately '75 has begun work on organizing a reunion for the class of 1975. Class members should contact Tom for details.

Thomas Gately, 28 Summit Ave., Lynn, MA 01902  
781-592-3077 [TGbogeyman@aol.com](mailto:TGbogeyman@aol.com)

### Classes of the 1950s + 1930s & 1940s

Plans are underway by Alice (Coleman) Henning '56 and Lillian (Demers) Seaborne-Smith '56 for a decade reunion in 2005 for all classes of the 1950s. Alumni from the 1930s and 1940s will also be invited to this multi-decade reunion. Details will be mailed out as soon as they are developed.

## History Corner:

### Alfred Caproni Class of 1934

Roy Caproni, son of Alfred Caproni happened by the alumni web site recently and contacted us. Alfred passed away in 2000 and in his belongings there was much information on Essex Aggie such as class yearbooks, a scrap book, a collection of Essex Farmer & Homemaker newsletters and some photos. Mr Caproni was kind enough to donate the found treasures to the alumni association to support our historical documentation project for which we are most grateful.

## Homemaking School Cookbook:

In the interest of preserving an important part of the history of Essex Aggie we have reproduced the Homemaking School cookbook. This book was used by all Foods students of the Homemaking School. With its loose-leaf style binding the cookbook allowed for constant updating and class notes as needed. This version of the cookbook represents the pages that were in use in 1958 and includes pages that were originally produced in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. All design elements of the original book have been preserved as much as possible so this book (with the exception of clearer type instead of the old typewritten pages) is very close to the original.

Thanks to Barbara (Clark) Townsend '37, Florence (Bartlett) Hellen '43 and Louise (Lanford) MacDonald '58 for donating their cookbooks so that this restoration could be accomplished.

### How to get the cookbook:



Download from the alumni web site at no cost and print your own copy or contact Charles Main for a printed copy for \$20.00 post paid.

We are still interested in receiving any old photos or documents of historical interest that anyone might have tucked away somewhere. Head on up to the attic (if you have one) and see what might be up there to help us out.

## Reunion Report Class of 1984:

It was so great to see all that showed at the 1984 reunion at Bradley State Park! To give a review, that might not be accurate because it is a couple of months later and I have lots happening, there were 20 some odd of us that made it to the reunion. They were Fred, Dave L., Dave T., Lisa, Kim, Shawn C., Shawn H., Angie, Barb, Tina, Chris, Bill, George, Deb, Kendra, Woody, Jay and myself. (Sorry if I forgot a few names!) Paul, Marc, Dave M. and Betsy were there in spirit and Doug got a phone call from Deb in which many of us got to touch base with him.

What I remember: Fred is recovering from back surgery and has a nice family. Dave L is doing well, working hard, pitching in a lot of time and food, and bringing up some nice kids. Lisa came with her family and is doing well. Deb and Kendra came together. Deb seems just the same to me but Kendra had a much softer appearance. Both looked happy with their lives. Kim stopped in for a little while and has a family, while George is dealing with a mom that is getting older. Shawn has a lovely family that invited us back to their house to hang out for a while. Jay has a successful business in landscaping.

Angie is happily married with a son and involved with horses in Florida. Barbara is tending to a sick parent and working lots – she seemed happy to me. Woody has a wonderful wife and I enjoyed a lot of casual conversation with them. Tina and Chris came to the party for about an hour. Both have children. I know Tina is working in the law profession, in human resources and I think Chris is doing the same but I might be mixing that up. Bill has been in the military for almost 20 years and has a nice family that came to the time with him. Both he and Woody were involved with the MP's.

I know there is lots I am missing but I wanted to give a general gist and kind-of catch everyone up. I wish I had had time to do this right after the time but life does take control sometimes. Both Shawn and Woody were talking about making this an annual event. I think that is a wonderful idea but I know that with the project I have undertaken I will not be able to organize such a thing for a couple years. If anyone wants to take it on, I know I will try very hard to be there.

**Jill Delaney '84**

# ESSEX AGGIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I - NAME

This association shall be known as the Essex Aggie Alumni Association.

### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To support the school in every way possible.

Section 1. To keep all alumni in touch with the activities of the association.

Section 3. Objectively forge a steadfast union of past, present and future students and faculty of Essex Aggie to ensure sharing of experience, knowledge and goodwill.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all graduates and faculty of all divisions of Essex County Agricultural School, Essex County Home Making School, Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute, and Essex Agricultural & Technical High School.

Section 2. Any graduate shall be eligible for membership and to hold office in the Association, provided they are members.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be conferred on those individuals recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the Association membership.

### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of four Officers, Decade Directors, a College Division Director and two (2) At-large Directors. In addition there shall be one current student who shall have voting rights and shall be exempt from the requirement to pay dues.

Section 2. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Decade Directors of the Association shall consist of one Director from each decade for which there are living alumni. (1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, etc.)

Section 4. At Large Directors shall consist of 2 members to be elected every two years.

Section 5. Officers and Directors shall be elected every two years.

Section 6. Nominations shall be made the first week in December.

Section 7. Elections shall be by ballot, and shall be held in the month of December. Voting shall be by paid members only.

Section 8. Vacancies which occur on the board between elections shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member of all committees, ex-officio. The Presidents vote shall be considered the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote of the Board.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist and support the President and in his/her absence, to take his/her place.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep records of all class rosters, membership lists, meetings, activities and documents related to the Alumni Association.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money received and shall pay all bills, and shall keep a true record of all accounts. A current membership list of all paid members shall be provided to the Secretary whenever necessary. A quarterly accounting summary shall be presented to the Officers and Directors. The President shall be a second authorized signature on all financial accounts of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The president, with the approval of the officers and directors shall appoint any standing or special committees.

Section 2. The committees shall appoint their own chairman.

Section 3. The chairman of each committee shall provide reports of their activities to the secretary for the Association records.

Section 4. Standing Committees shall include: Membership, Newsletter, Website, Reunions, Scholarship and Nominating.

## **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held during each spring at a location to be decided by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and standing committees shall meet as Association business requires.

Section 2. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or three or more members of the Board. A quorum shall consist of one half of the Board members plus one.

Section 3. In lieu of regularly scheduled Directors meetings, voting on any issue may be accomplished by way of teleconferencing, mail and/or e-mail correspondence exclusive of the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUES**

Section 1. Dues, as established by the Board of Directors, shall be payable to the Treasurer annually to cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

## **ARTICLE IX - BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by written petition sponsored by 10 members, submitted to the general membership and approved by a majority vote of those voting.

## **ARTICLE X - QUORUM**

Section 1. Ten members shall be required for an annual meeting quorum.

# Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2005

Membership dues for 2005 will be \$20.00

(Term of membership is Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



**Member Name and Address: (Please Print)**

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) High School Division (\_\_\_\_) College Division

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register my membership for 2005**

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2005 Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni**

**Mail this form to: Essex Aggie Alumni Association, George P. Jones, III, Treasurer, P.O. Box 49, North Salem, NH 03073**

Occasionally our members move and forget to notify us of their new address. This often results in us never being able to find them again. Please provide the name of someone who will always know how to find you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Alumni Association Officers: Always available for questions, comments & suggestions.**

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<b>ALUMNI BY-LAWS BALLOT:</b>	<b>I approve the By-Laws document as written.</b>	
	<b>I do not approve the By-Laws document as written.</b>	

**Ballots must be returned by February 1, 2005**

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