

Aggie News

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Essex County Agricultural School and Essex County Home Making School



The Search Continues

The search for missing classmates continues with some successes and some failures. We now have 368 names in the database and 142 of them have been located. If we are going to locate more classmates we are going to need more assistance from everyone.

Now That's How It Should Work!

This is the chain of events that took place when one classmate took action from our "Lost and Found Department" in our last newsletter.

Theresa (Silvero) Downer, class of '53 sent us a note about some of her husband's relatives that went to the Aggie. We were able to add Carol (Ward) Short, class of '55 and her husband Robert Short, class of '53 to our list. This enabled us to send Carol a copy of the newsletter. Carol then sent us a list of six new prospects. Henry Rolfe, class of '54; Pearl (Chase) Ladd, class of '55; Luther Lord, class of '55; Rosemary (Lessard) Silva, class of '55; Albert Schrempf, class of '56; and Robert Drew, class of '55. Of these six, we were able to update correct address info on three and add the other three as new classmates found!

Thank you Theresa and Carol, your efforts are appreciated!

Brownie Pudding

If anyone has the recipe for that wonderful brownie pudding that the girls used to serve in the cafeteria, please send it in so we can publish it here. It was a classic and is on my list of top ten Aggie memories.

Charlie Main

Thanks to John Bolger

While we are dishing out the "thanks", we must thank our friend John Bolger, class of '56 for his generous donation to help finance this issue of the newsletter. When we found John we discovered he had migrated south to Florida as so many of you have now.

Yearbooks Still Needed

Martha and Charlie Varney, class of '57 sent us a copy of the 1957 yearbook and Jim Libby, class of '58 was kind enough to send us a copy of the 1958 yearbook that enabled us to include those rosters in our database.

We still need yearbooks from 1950, 1951, and 1959 to complete our 1950's rosters. Once we get a complete list of classmates from these yearbooks it enables us to begin searching for missing classmates from those years so it is important that we have those yearbooks to get started.

We came across a photo copy of the 1952 yearbook but unfortunately, due to some diabolical plot by the editorial committee, the class photos are listed on one page and the names are listed on a separate page with no way to match them up! If someone from the class of '52 would like to volunteer to try to match the names with the faces, please drop us a line and we will send you a copy.

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Where Are They Now?

What has happened to you over the years?

What are you doing now?

Send us a little story about yourself so we can publish it here. A photo would be nice too if you have one.

This month....Alice Coleman, Class of '56

Hi All Aggie Fans!

Where have the years gone—seems like only yesterday we were riding the Aggie buses and enjoying what we didn't know were some of our best years: B.C. (kids) and jobs, etc. Back then most of us thought we knew it all, at least I did. Thought getting married and having kids was uppermost. Well, I did that at 18 and had three children by my 21st birthday. I wanted to be an artist and dress designer but somewhere that dream got lost. I don't regret my children or my marriage. It wasn't all bad but after 13 years the marriage ended. I had to find a way to support 3 kids. Nursing school seemed to be the answer and after 18 months of training I had my LPN license. I was doing pretty well. I then met my soon-to-be second husband. He was a fire-fighter. We married and of course with pre-teen age kids there were some problems. The marriage lasted 13 years until his death from cancer. I had stayed with nursing for most of those years but was burning out so had tried a few other things—upholstery and doing alterations at home seemed like a good idea while he was alive. Then after that I went to travel school for 18 months and that was fun. Traveled a lot but didn't make a whole lot of money. Also at this time I joined a widow and widowers group. Met some nice people and when it was time to leave them I joined another group of singles people. Had some interesting experiences. I'm 50 years old and free as a bird, the kids are all grown and on their own and had 3 grandkids by this time. And I'm out there looking for my soulmate. Well, my friends, I haven't found him yet. And frankly, I've given up looking for him. I'm quite content with life as it is. I have a new home in Florida, my life is busy, and I'm happy. Maybe I'll pursue being an artist. I have been one in a way most of my life. I've always sewn, done craft things and have used my creative mind for many things. The dream didn't die completely, just didn't become the dress designer that would shake the world. At times

I ponder the "what might have been." If Melvin Young and I hadn't married back in 57. I wouldn't have my 3 kids and 3 grandkids. I may not be here in Florida enjoying my home, having my Mom here with me—she's 93, and enjoying my beautiful "cement pond." I have many friends, but unfortunately most are not here. But we keep in touch and I do have family here—a daughter on the Gulf Coast and my son has just bought a home in North Carolina where he's finishing up his last 2 of 20 years in the Army. My other daughter lives in Vermont with my grandson. My two granddaughters live in Germany. They all have busy lives.

Now that I have my home settled I'll look into joining another group. Who knows, maybe I'll save the sea turtles or screech jays. I still have a lot of years left to make my mark. God knows I'm not afraid to speak my mind. Just ask some of my family.

Well, now that I've let you into a small portion of my life, let's hear from a few others. By the way, I'm still in nursing and at this point in time I do home nursing. Taking care of physically and mentally challenged children. I like the one on one and best of all, I can pick my own hours to work and still have plenty of free time.

from the Class of 56,
Alice Coleman Young Henning



Alice at the August '97 Reunion

Newsletter Reporters Needed

Send us your newsletter contributions We need articles, photos, and anything else you think your classmates might be interested in.

Planning for the Year 2000 Reunion has begun!

Some of the items we will be working on include:

Reunion Committee; Alumni Search; Class Directory; Locate & Reserve the Facility; Catering; Invitations & Mailings; Vicinity Map; Ticket Sales; Name Badges; Decorations; Door Prizes; Music; Photographer; Memory Book



Reunion 2000 Questionnaire

THE REUNION COMMITTEE

___ I would like to help with the Reunion Committee.

___ I can help with:

DURATION OF THE REUNION

___ I would prefer a week-end affair with booked rooms.

___ I would prefer a one day affair.

___ No preference.

LOCATION OF THE REUNION

___ The reunion should be held in Massachusetts.

___ The reunion should be held in New Hampshire.

___ The reunion should be held somewhere in New England.

___ No preference.

___ Suggested location:

What time of year should it be held ?

April ? ___ August ? ___ September ? ___ October ? ___ Other ? ___

Submitted by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please send your questionnaire to:

Alice Henning, 3075 Woodsmill Drive, Melbourne, FL 32934

1998 Aggie Questionnaire

With the recent success of our Class Reunion on August 23, 1997, it was decided to continue to maintain our database and to try and locate more classmates from all the 50's classes.

We are aiming for another reunion in the year 2000.

Please fill out the form below so that we can keep our database up to date.

Current Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Yr Graduated: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Seasonal Address: From: _____ To: _____

Seasonal Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Hobbies: _____

Leisure: _____

Marital Status: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Do you have any information on others who went to the Aggie?
(Married names? Last Known Address? City or State they might be living in?)
Fill in whatever information you might have and we will try to locate them.

Current Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Will you join an Alumni Association? Yes _____ No _____

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The Aggie Today

Now known as Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute with High School and College Divisions.



The High School Division offers courses in:
Animal Science

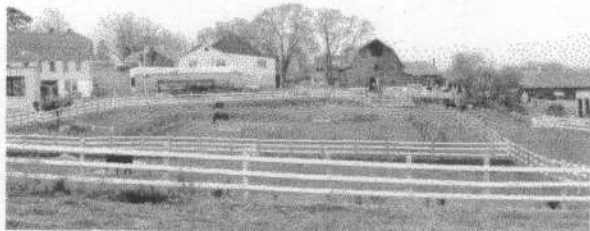
- Horse Management
- Agribusiness
- Small Animal Science

Plant Science

- Floriculture
- Natural Resources
- Ornamental Horticulture

The College Division offers courses in:

- Aesthetics/Skin Care
- Cosmetology
- Fashion Merchandising & Interiors
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Culinary Arts
- Animal Health Technology
- Grooming/Kennel Management
- Floriculture
- Horticulture
- Urban Forestry
- Nursing
- Operating Room Technician



Still very much like it was years ago, the 200 acre campus emphasizes "hands-on" learning. The High School division has a faculty of 30 instructors with about 330 students. The College Division has a faculty of about 40 and about 450 students.

Aggie Open House

At press time we were unable to get any firm information on the upcoming Annual Open House. It looks like it will be held on Thursday, October 1st, with time of day to be determined. Announcements will be made in local newspapers. Tours and demonstrations will be featured. As the time grows near and you are interested in attending you could call the school at 978-774-0050 for further details.

If anyone who does attend this year's Annual Open House would like to send us a report, we could publish it in the next newsletter.

Reporters Needed

This newsletter needs volunteer reporters. If you can think of anything that might be of interest to our readers please send it in. If the newsletter is to continue we are going to have to get some help from volunteers.

Internet Web Page Update

Charlie Main, Class of '56 now has an internet domain name and web address and is working on a section devoted to the Aggie Alumni. The web page has not been uploaded yet but when it is, it will include a copy of our Reunion Report, copies of The Aggie News, a Class Roster, and a list of Classmates On The Web. If you are already connected to the internet, send Charlie your e-mail address so that it can be included on the list. If you haven't as yet joined the wonderful world of the internet, you should seriously consider getting on board. There is a lot going on out there and everyone should take advantage of it.

Charlie's e-mail address is cmain@gwi.net
The web page will be located at:
<http://www.charliesweb.com>

Send In Your Questionnaire

Please be sure to fill out the Reunion 2000 Questionnaire and send it to Alice so she can get started on the planning.

If you haven't yet sent in a 1998 Aggie Questionnaire or have any changes or updates, fill that one out too so that we can keep our database up to date.