

Aggie News

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From The Editor:

Greetings classmates,

This issue of our newsletter contains a financial report from your treasurer, George Jones '58 so that everyone can see where we stand in that area. (see page 2)

We continue to have much success with the "people finding" project with a total of 368 former Aggie students now listed in our database. The project will continue and we welcome any and all contributions of the locations of former classmates.

With a paid membership of less than 12 percent however, we are seriously concerned about our ability to continue. (see page 2)

At this time I would ask that everyone consider this:

An evening out at a local restaurant would result in about one hour of pleasure and soon be forgotten. For about the same price, you could support your alumni association and all it stands for, for an entire year!

Essex Aggie Alumni Association on the Internet

Our web site continues to grow. The site contains class rosters, reports of past reunions, all past issues of this newsletter, a photo album and much more. We now have a registration page where visitors can fill out a form with their name and address information to be included in the alumni database. Many students have loaned us their class yearbooks and from that we have been able to make up a complete class roster for their class year, complete with class photos. We are the only alumni web site on the Internet to provide this feature. Our thanks goes out to all those who have loaned us their yearbooks so that this project could be accomplished.

Those who have Internet access can visit the web site at: <http://www.essexaggie.org>

Send us your info

All classmates are encouraged to send contributions to the newsletter and web site so that it can be shared by all. We need information on missing classmates, notification of any deceased classmates, photographs from your school years, yearbooks for class roster information and anything else that you think might be of interest to others.

Send all contributions to: Charles Main, 643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562 e-mail: cmain@gwi.net
Charlie Main Class of '56

Your alumni association officers would sincerely like to thank all those who have made contributions to their alumni. To those who sent us news and notes; to those who helped us to locate missing classmates; to those who have loaned us their yearbooks for establishing class rosters; to those who have paid dues; to those who have made donations to the treasury; your contributions are much appreciated by all.

Alice, Charlie, George, & Lillian

**Essex Aggie Alumni Association
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2001**

ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	\$2275.26
Accounts Receivable	-\$25.00
Total Current Assets	\$2250.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	\$1891.97
Net Income	\$358.29
Total Equity	\$2250.26

**Essex Aggie Alumni Association
Profit & Loss by Class
January through April 2001**

INCOME	
Donations	\$645.00
Membership Dues	\$820.00
Total Income	\$1465.00
EXPENSE	
Bank Charges	\$48.00
Newsletter Postage	\$100.00
Newsletter Printing	\$106.82
Total Newsletter	\$206.82
Office Supplies (Postage)	\$18.45
Reunion	
Postage	\$230.23
Printing	\$188.77
Other	\$100.04
Total Reunion	\$519.04
Web Site Expense	\$314.40
Total Expense	\$1106.71
NET INCOME	\$358.29

Your Alumni Association

Where We Have Been:

Back in the spring of '96 **Alice (Coleman) Henning**, '56, **Lillian (Demers) Seaborne** '56 and **Marge (Maynard) Miller** '56 got together and decided to try to find some of their former classmates and hold a reunion. **Charlie Main** '56 joined the group in 1997 and the project continued. After much research, planning and organization the class reunion was held on August 23, 1997 with 52 alumni from the classes of the '50s. Total attendance was 70.

The event was a total success and it was then decided that we needed to reestablish the alumni association. Since the old alumni association was disbanded back in the '80s there was much work to be done with locating former students.

A second reunion was held in September 2000 and we were well on our way with our goal of reconnecting the many long lost friends and classmates from the Aggie.

Where We Are Now:

We publish a newsletter in January and June. We have a presence on the Internet with our web site. We maintain a database of all located classmates. We provide a means for any former Essex Aggie student to contact their former classmates.

Where We Are Going:

At the present time the question of where we are going is unknown. With a current database listing of 368 found classmates we have only had paid memberships numbering 42 in 1999, 31 in 2000 and 43 in 2001. With a paid membership of less than 12 percent the ability of the association to continue is seriously in doubt. Due to the generosity of a few who have contributed their time & effort and those that have made individual donations over and above their membership dues we have been able to make it this far.

The future of your alumni association is up to You!

Important Notice for Internet Users

Help us to keep our records up-to-date

There are several alumni that have changed their e-mail address and others where we have no address listed. Without those e-mail addresses we are unable to send them their Aggie Gram e-mail news & announcements.

We have some classmates that are not listed because we don't know what year they graduated.

We have some classmates that left school before graduation. We need to know the year they would have graduated had they stayed on.

We urge everyone to go to the web site and check their class roster listings. If you are not listed, let us know. If your e-mail address is wrong or missing, let us know. It only takes a few minutes to check your listing and it will be a big help in getting our records correct.

<http://www.essexaggie.org>

Students Prayer

This gem appeared in the 1981 class yearbook.

*Now I lay me down to study,
I pray the Lord I won't go nutty.
And if I fail to learn this junk,
I pray the Lord that I won't flunk.
But if I do, Don't pity me at all,
Just lay my bones in the study hall.
Tell my teacher I've done my best,
Then pile my books upon my chest.
Now I lay me down to rest,
To pray I'll pass tomorrow's test.
If I should die before I wake,
That's one last test I'll have to take.*

Getting Older Prayer

This one came our way via **Carl Melon '56**

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
5. All reports are in; Life is now officially unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
16. It's not hard to meet expenses...They're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then I wonder what I'm here after.

(Author unknown)

Different Approaches To A Reunion

- 10 Year Reunion: Out to impress.
- 20 Year Reunion: Out to have a good time.
- 30 Year Reunion: Generally have more fond memories of high school.
- 40 Year Reunion: Can be sad as this may be the last time they will see some of these people.

News From the Classes:

Classes of the '30s

We have located 4 classmates from the 1930s decade.

Classes of the '40s

We have located 4 classmates from the 1940s decade.

Classes of the '50s

We have located 231 classmates from the 1950s decade. It appears that the '50 folks are the most interested in finding their lost classmates because that's where we have gotten the most help with finding people.

Classmate Marjorie (Maynard) Miller, class of '56 has lost her battle with brain cancer. She died last March in Spring Hill, Florida. Marge attended Essex Aggie in 1954 & 55. She left school a year early and married Richard Miller Jan. 9, 1955. He was in the military & they lived in Germany for a time, then lived in the Beverly, Salem, MA area before settling in Byfield, MA for 30 years. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

Classes of the '60s

We have located 50 classmates from the 1960s decade.

Lloyd Campbell '62 is proud to announce the arrival of his third grandchild, Sage Annmarie Hodgins, Sage decided to join us in April, 2001. She is Marybeth Campbell Hodgins and Mike Hodgins first child. Since her Daddy is an avid fisherman it will be no time before she is throwing a line into one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes.

Keith Huges '62 would like to put together a 40th class reunion for the class of 1962 if he can find enough people. If you know the whereabouts of anyone from the class of '62 let us know so we can help Keith out.

We heard from Jennifer (Cuddy) Hartford '89 that William Roberts '64 passed away on April 7, 2001.

Classes of the '70s

We have located 35 classmates from the 1970s decade.

Classes of the '80s

We have located 68 classmates from the 1980s decade.

There have been rumors of an attempt by Brenda (Andrew) Dietrich '86 and Michelle (Swett) DiPietro '87 to plan a class reunion for the classes of '86 and '87 but as of press time we haven't heard any more about it so are unable to make any announcements here. If you know the whereabouts of anyone from '86 and '87 let us know so we can help them out.

Classes of the '90s

We have located 19 classmates from the 1990s decade.

The Teachers

Christos P. Mpelkas, 80, died last January. He was a 1939 graduate of Lynn Classical High. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in horticultural science from the University of Massachusetts and his Master's degree in plant physiology from the University of Connecticut. Mr. Mpelkas began his career as chairman of the Vegetable Crops and Science Department at Essex Aggie.

He later served as resource development specialist with the extension service of the University of Massachusetts. He was considered to be an international authority on the effects of radiant energy on plant growth. He traveled worldwide as a speaker and project developer on plant growth systems for greenhouses and totally enclosed structures. He has written over 55 articles on lighting technology on plant growth responses.

Mr. Mpelkas was employed by the Sylvania Corp. For over 30 years before retiring from GTE Sylvania in 1990.

Alfred P. Muldoon, 79, died last March. Mr. Muldoon was a teacher at Essex Aggie for 37 years.

A Letter From The Treasurer:

During the past several weeks, Alice, Charlie and I have been engaged in a discussion about the lack of participation by so many of you Aggie alum out there. One thought that we had was that you had questions about the dues structure and where the money is going. To help answer your questions I've put together a few financial facts that I think you will find interesting.

Those of you who attended the reunion last year paid a total of \$2,000.00.

The cost of producing that event and the follow up activities such as the report mailed to each of you was \$2,540.46. Fortunately, thanks to the generosity of some of our alum, we had donations that have covered those excess costs.

Since our formal beginning in early 1999 memberships have brought in a total of \$2,400.00 in dues. Interest income of \$4.74 has raised the total to \$2,404.74.

The day to day expenses of running the organization, postage, the news letters, the cost of hosting our web site have cost us \$1,580.87 leaving us with a net operating balance today of \$823.87. Please bear in mind that we have two to three more newsletters to go for this calendar year. Bottom line, we are likely to just barely squeak through for the year.

But wait, we haven't figured in the cost of maintaining our web site. At the present time Charlie Main works away at what he likes to call a "labor of love." But what if we had to pay someone to do that work? Charlie tells me that he puts in about 30 hours per month to keep us informed and entertained. That's 360 hours minimum per year! If you have been at all involved with web services you know that we could easily be looking at \$25-\$50 per hour for those services. Were that the case we would have to either give up the web site, something that most of us don't want to see, or drastically raise the dues.

Fortunately we are not in that situation. But as you can see we are not building a big fat bank account either. Your dollars are working hard and we are happy to add our volunteer efforts to help make those dollars go further. So what are you doing? Have you joined yet? Do you want to have a live and financially viable alumni association? If so, then get out your checkbook and sit down and write out a check of the very small amount of \$20.00 payable to the Essex Aggie Alumni Association and get it into the mail to us. For less than the price of a carton of cigarettes, a couple of six packs or a restaurant meal you can be a part of your Alumni Association.

We'll be waiting for you!

George P. Jones, III - Class of 1958
Treasurer

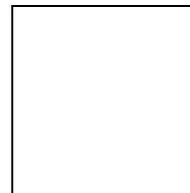
Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form

2001

Membership dues for 2001 will be \$20.00

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class Year:	
First Name:	
Maiden Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone:	
E-Mail Address:	

Please register my membership for 2001

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2001 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

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