

THE FORREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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A Note from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni Association Members,

I hope this yearly newsletter finds all of you well and looking forward to a good summer. I know I am. At this writing, Marshall County has just completed the school year on Saturday, May 28, and I am still a little "jet-lagged" from the end of the year activities. The Forrest School Junior-Senior Prom was held in April at the UAW Banquet Hall in Spring Hill. We have not had the prom at the school in several years because of the increase in class sizes and lack of space. The 2005 Prom was a beautiful event and all the students looked so sophisticated. I couldn't help but think about April, 1966 -- I was a freshman, and I attended the first prom Forrest School had. Of course we were in the gym under a canopy of crape paper streamers that were held up by a hula hoop and wire that had been strung around the gym by Mr. Smith's "boys." Those streamers were sagging pretty low by the end of the night. Since we were not allowed to dance on the gym floor with our shoes on, all the boys were in their sock feet and the girls had purchased "footies" to slip on over our "stockings". We spent more time sliding around the floor than dancing!

The speaker for the Forrest Baccalaureate this year was our own Eugene "Spook" Clark (Class of '52). Seniors and their families and friends enjoyed his memories of Forrest and appreciated his words of advice and encouragement as they begin this new phase in their lives.

On Saturday, May 22, sixty-three seniors participated in the graduation exercises in the new gymnasium. Actually, this class was one of the smallest in recent years. For the first time, we broke with tradition and did not have a speaker for graduation. Instead, the only speaker was Cord McLean who delivered his valedictory address. Anyone there can tell you that any speaker after Cord would have been anti-climatic.

That sums up the last month of school. Throw in an entire school year filled with homecoming, fund raisers, club and class activities plus lessons to plan and papers to grade and it has been a full year!

Since our last association meeting, the executive council has met twice. In October we spent time reviewing the duties of each officer and outlining some plans for the year. We elected to ask people who are not on the executive council to help serve on the scholarship committee. A big thanks to Phil Comstock, Emily Lawrence Gordon, and Jennifer Henson Lynch for readily agreeing to review the applications and participate in the selection process.

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Also at the October meeting I reminded the group that at the banquet last year I had asked for volunteers to be "Decade Agents"...contact persons for the graduates of their decade. Three people have agreed to be agents: Betsy Bishop, agent for the '70's, Angie Johnson, agent for the '80's, and Angie Phifer, agent for the '90's .

The second executive council meeting was held April 16. During that meeting the council finalized plans for the annual banquet on July 30. The remainder of the letter will provide specific information about the banquet

In addition to the two council meetings, on January 29, the alumni association sponsored the Second Annual Forrest Alumni Association Basketball Game. Although the weather outside was cold and disagreeable, the atmosphere inside the gym was warm and friendly. If you haven't attended a game yet, make plans to be at the next one. The total revenue for the game was \$1,134.19. After we met our expenses, \$500.00 was deposited to the scholarship fund and \$489.19 was deposited to the trophy case reserve. The purchase of new trophy cases is in limbo until the building program details are defined.

So...that's been my first year as alumni president. I appreciate so much all the support that everyone has given me. Everyone I called to be an agent, a basketball game committee member, or a scholarship committee member seemed to be so willing to help out that my job was easy. The next item on the agenda is the banquet. Ken and Boots are a hard act to follow, but with your support, I feel sure the banquet will be a success. I look forward to seeing you there!

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THESE WEB SITES ARE A "MUST"!

FORREST SCHOOL.....www.forrest-sch.marshall.k12.tn.us

FORREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....forrestalumni.com

- *Our banquet will once again be catered by Marilyn Vaughn and Carol Henderson. We look forward to enjoying their culinary talents!*

John Rickman.....Entertainment Chairman
Presents.....

Dean Delk, Principal at Chapel Hill Elementary School and former Forrest School Principal will be the speaker at the banquet. Mr. Delk is married to Forrest alumna Becky Scott Delk, Class of '66. Mike Mosier will provide the music. Mike has a long time connection to Chapel Hill since his father taught guitar lessons here for many years.

Katie Harris.....Recording Secretary

Greetings fellow alumni from the office of the recording secretary. I want to report that anyone wishing to receive a copy of our minutes may contact me via email at kh14@united.net or you may call 931-364-7330 and I'll send you a copy by snail mail.

In addition to keeping the minutes I also maintain our scholarship "memorial" and "in honor of" boards. The executive council voted to purchase a new memorial board at our April 16, 2005 meeting. These boards are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one while helping our scholarship fund grow. Information is available on the membership/reservation page to aid you in sending your contribution to scholarship chair Ralph Osteen. Please include the year of FHS graduation if you are recognizing alumni.

See ya'll in July and let me hear from you if I can be of any help.

2005 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED.....

.....Joe Allen, Scholarship Committee Chairman

The F.H.S. Alumni Scholarship Committee is proud to award four \$1000.00 scholarships

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again this year. Four seniors received this year's scholarships:

Cordarius McLean, son of Ms. Kimberly McLean and Shawn McLean has been accepted at Rhodes College in Memphis.

Rebecca Moses, daughter of John and Vicki Moses has been accepted at U.T. Martin in Martin, Tennessee.

Whitney Russell, daughter of Roger and Jill Russell has also been accepted at U.T. Martin.

Holly Whitworth, daughter of Randy and Kathy Whitworth has been accepted at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee.

These recipients were recognized at Senior Honors Night in May; however, the scholarships will be presented at the alumni banquet. Thank you to all of you who have donated to the scholarship fund to help make these scholarships possible. We urge everyone to continue to contribute to the fund so that more scholarships can be awarded.

The annual alumni banquet will be held on Saturday, July 30 in the cafeteria. The doors will open for fellowship at 4:00. This year the fellowship time will be in the library. Tables will be set up by decades to display memorabilia: pictures, scrapbooks, annual, music, etc. If you have anything that can be used in a display for your classmates to enjoy and remember, please contact the appropriate person:

Prior to the 1940's.....Brenda Brown	1980'sAngie Johnson
1940's.....Helen Brown	1990'sAngie Phifer
1950'sEddie Kilpatrick-John Edd Walker	2000's..... Jason Curtis
1960's..... Johnny Rickman - Becky Delk	
1970's..... Betsy Bishop	

Dinner will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00.

*******THE FORREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SALUTES OUR GRADUATES IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE CURRENT CONFLICT 2003-2005*******

Michael Bivens	Patrick Ellis	Mandy Inglesbee	Ben Piper
Shannon Biggs	Kent Hawkins	Andrew Karpinski	Eli Stuart
Jonathan Broyles	Jim Hickman	Brandy Kimball	Jeremy Yancy
Craig Calloway	Will Holton	Jeremy Mehring	Shawn Yancy

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO IDENTIFY THOSE PRESENTLY IN THE MILITARY. IF I HAVE LEFT OUT ANYONE, PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

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FORREST ALUMNI (OR THEIR SPOUSES) ON THE CURRENT FORREST STAFF

Mike Bishop (Betsy Johns)	Angie Harber Gillespie	Cathy Jordan (Patrick Jordan)
Brenda Ogilvie Brown	Nancy Harber (Jerry Harber)	Robby Joyce (Jerry Joyce)
Curtis Davenport	Melissa Holt Hargrove	Darlene Hayes Ring
Scott Delk	Jimmy Henson	Beth Sweeney (Ricky Sweeney)
Sheila Smith Edde	Sherry Jones (Chuck Jones)	Ann Hill Winningham

KNOWN FHS ALUMNI DEATHS SINCE JULY 2004 OR UNRECOGNIZED DEATHS** IN PREVIOUS LETTERS

Annie Ezell Baugh	Jack Dowdy**	Luther Moore
Sue Yeager Clifford	F. A. Hardison	Floyd Reynolds
Edith Crick	Patricia Hill	Francis Tucker
Felix Dowdy	Larry Johnson**	

FORREST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM FOR THE YEAR 2005 DATES OF MEMBERSHIP: JULY 1 TO JUNE 30

Name _____ Class of _____

Spouse's Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Yearly Membership: Single \$10.00 Couple \$15.00

Lifetime (under 60) Couple \$175, Single \$140 Lifetime (over 60) Couple \$100, Single \$85

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Make Check Payable to FHS Alumni Association

Cut at dotted line and send with check to John Edd Walker, 108 Strathmore Way, Hendersonville, TN 37075

FHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

() I desire to support the Forrest High School Alumni Association Fund. I pledge \$_____.
over a three-year period (2005, 06, 07). Enclosed is my check for 2005 pledge of \$_____.

() I desire to support the Forrest High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund with a one-time gift of
\$_____. Enclosed is my check.

() I desire to donate \$_____ in memory of _____ Check is enclosed.

Name (please print) _____ Signature _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Date _____ Class of _____

Cut at dotted line and send with check to Ralph Osteen, P. O. Box 2016, Brentwood, TN 37024

FORREST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER RESERVATION FORM - JULY 30, 2005

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Total Number of People for dinner _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ Total Due

Cut at dotted line and send with check to John Edd Walker, 108 Strathmore Way, Hendersonville, TN 37075

WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND CHECK BY JULY 15, 2005

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Do you remember when? . . . Chapel Hill in 1956.....J. T. Whitehead

Do you remember when . . . we roamed the halls of the school that boasted the Nathan Bedford Forrest Monument, when Ma saved Pa's Dough at O.L. Spencer and Son's, when Potts Barber Shop was the place to get a buzz, Hurt's Department Store was the place to get a suit, and the Red Front Drug Store and Bus Station was the place to get anything else?

Do you remember when . . . the only ambulance that arrived for emergencies was a hearse from Lawrence Funeral Home, when heading off to the depot and railroad tracks to watch for the old Ghost Light was a favorite Friday night pastime, when Miss Grace Hurt provided service with a smile at the post office? Do you remember when one of the worst offenses a student could commit at Forrest School was to break into the cafeteria line?

Do you remember when . . . a boy could earn money by selling his possum and skunk hides to the Harry Joyce Feed and Seed Business, a girl could get her hair done by Sarah Taylor Rogers or Noreen Hurt at Roger's Beauty Shop (Phone 3!), and everyone could get a mighty good hamburger and a Sundrop at the Ring Cafe and a slice of Mrs. Hickman's famous pecan pie at the Cozy Kitchen?

Do you remember daffodils blooming all around school to announce that spring had arrived, excitement at the unveiling of the New Gym; fishing, picnicking and swimming at Duck River, or senior trips to the beach in exotic Florida and the not-quite-so-exotic Willow Plunge in Franklin?

Do you remember spending Saturday nights at the Chapel Hill outdoor movie, thanks to Charlie Kerr, or Dr. Maxwell of the Red Front saying, "All great men are dead. Do you feel well?" Do you remember when girls were named Mary Jane, Mary Johns, Mary Emma, Mary Frances, Mary Margaret, or Mary something?

Do you remember any of these places or names . . . Cathey Furniture Company, Spencer Grocery Store, McBride Florist, Dyer Dry Cleaning, Hargrove Hotel, First State Bank, Joe Howard Produce, Scott Hardware, Lumber and Building Supply; Maynard Harrison Blacksmith Shop, Frank Freeman Radio and TV repair, Cities Telephone Company, Daughritys Grocery, Rozells (home of Hermitage foods), Chapel Hill Furniture Company, Gibson and Admiral Appliances, Adgent & Kincaid Service Station, Wilhoit Milling Company, Arnold Brothers Service Station, Mealer & Clay Gulf Station, Lane's Market, Quality Foods, C & M Esso Service Station., Chapel Hill Farm Store, Barnes Service Station, Dr. John Emmons, Dr. N.H. Culbertson, and Mr. Earl Barnes?

Let's discuss all these memories and more at the reunion this summer. Thanks to the Alumni Association for all they have done and continue to do. Hope to see you July 30th!