

# THE FORREST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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A Note From The President,

Happy New Year Forrest Alumni!!! Hope 2010 is starting off great for you and your families. The alumni executive council met in October and discussed several new events we hope to get off the ground this year.

Talks are in progress for alumni softball and baseball games on Saturday June 5 with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund and the softball/baseball programs at FHS.

Bob Kerr and Joe Allen are working on a golf tournament to benefit the scholarship fund as well. A tentative date is set for the morning of the August 7 annual reunion. Please check the alumni website [www.forrestalumni.com](http://www.forrestalumni.com) for updates as planning for these events moves forward.

We are planning the alumni/community basketball games for Saturday January 23 at 6pm.

See more details of this event in a related article in this newsletter.

Our annual reunion banquet will be Sat. August 7 in the FHS cafeteria and we will be honoring the classes of 1985 and 1960. John Rickman has booked as entertainment Ron Jewell who portrays Mark Twain. More information and reservation forms will be in the June newsletter.

We want to continue to thank Sheila Harber in heading the project to restore class composite pictures that hang in the Forrest hallways. The classes of 1986 and 1979 will be restored this year.

As always, I want to extend my thanks to the executive council members of the association---it is a pleasure to work with you. Call us with any questions, anytime.

**GO BIG BLUE!!!!**

Katie Harris, president

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### ALUMNI-COMMUNITY BASKETBALL GAMES

Get your shoes warmed up!!! We hit the hardwood to benefit the scholarship fund on January 23 at 6 pm in the FHS gym. A \$5 admission charge for school age and up will include food from the hospitality area. (donations of finger foods will be greatly appreciated) We have two plans for the night:

Plan A: The Channel 2 News Team will take on any brave men beginning at 6 pm. This game will be followed by a few quarters between any women who want to play. Then another few quarters of any men who want to play against each other. Mingled through the night will be some exhibition action by the jr. pro guys and gals and cheerleaders. We are still waiting for confirmation from Channel 2's Joe Dubin at this writing. If they cannot make it, we will go to...

Plan B: At 6 pm we will have a game between some of the older men (1980 decade and earlier), then a few quarters between any brave women, followed by a game with the younger (??) men-- with the jr. pro kids and cheerleaders also participating.

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You will also have an opportunity to buy some FHS tees, sweatshirts, etc. from the youth football league to show your Forrest Pride.

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### **From the Historian**

This past summer I received copies of several graduation composite pictures to go into the Forrest Alumni files. Since several people had expressed an interest in having their composite picture, I contacted Chromatics in Nashville and had one 8 X 10 matte finish copy made of each of the following classes: 52-53; 53-54; 54-55; 57-58; 58-59; and 63-64. If any of you would like to purchase a copy of one of these pictures, you can send your order and money (\$20.00 plus \$1.00 shipping) to me at: 403 South Horton Parkway, Chapel Hill, TN. 37034. If you wish, you could pick up your order at the Alumni Banquet this summer. I will also be taking orders at that meeting. Hope to see all of you in August.

Beth K. Chunn  
Historian

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### ***Forrest Alumni Website***

Wasssssssuuuuuuuppppppppppppppppppppppp, Forrest Alumni! I hope all of you had a great Christmas and experienced a wonderful start to 2010! Let me begin by apologizing for the website alteration delays that have been experienced over the past month or two. A short time ago, I had to format my computer hard drive (i.e., clear off my hard drive completely) and reinstall my software. In doing so, I failed to realize that my website alteration software was packed away in storage ready for my move to a new house! I just moved into my new home, and so I just now got my website software reinstalled. For those of you that have e-mailed me with e-mail address updates, I have now successfully updated the website. Thank you all for your patience and support during this extremely busy yet exciting time in my life!

As another year ensues, we as an association are continually trying to improve the method of delivery by which we inform you all of our upcoming events, highlights of the past, and all things in between. For this reason, you will see notices of our

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upcoming events, forms to download following your decision to join the alumni association, and current – as well as past – alumni newsletters on the website. In the near future, for all of our members who have an active e-mail account, we would like to attempt sending out the annual newsletter to all of you electronically via e-mail, as opposed to the standard “snail mail” method of communication. This will help 1) aid you in receiving the alumni communication faster than traditional mail approaches, 2) aid in reducing printing and postage costs incurred, and 3) help to re-allocate the previously incurred expenses to the scholarship fund for a future Forrest graduate. We currently have several years’ worth of newsletters posted on the website under the “Newsletters” header. Like those already posted, the e-mail communication would be sent to all of you in both Microsoft Word (.doc) and Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) formats. With this transition comes many natural questions. Please see the “Question and Answer” section below for answers to some common questions.

The only way to make this project succeed is for each alumni member to make sure that we have your most up-to-date e-mail address on file. Please check the alumni e-mail roster at <http://www.forrestalumni.com/E-mail%20Roster.htm> to ensure that the e-mail address we have on file is still current. Additionally, if you haven’t submitted your e-mail address to us, please e-mail that to me at [jtcurtis1984@msn.com](mailto:jtcurtis1984@msn.com), and I will add you to the list.

Please continue to check the website (<http://www.forrestalumni.com>) for upcoming events and other relevant information pertaining to the Forrest Alumni Association. As always, if you have ideas or suggestions for site improvement, please e-mail me, and I will be happy to consider your request.

### **Question and Answer (Q&A):**

#### **Will everyone receive the newsletter via e-mail?**

All Forrest alumni who have an active e-mail account and desire to have their newsletter e-mailed will receive it as such. For members who do not have e-mail or desire to have a hard copy mailed to them, such will be done.

#### **Will I be able to open the newsletter when I receive it? Do I have the right software to open the files?**

The newsletter will be provided in both Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat formats, both of which are common. If you do not have a copy of Microsoft Word, Adobe Reader can be downloaded for free from [http://www.adobe.com/go/EN\\_US-H-GET-READER](http://www.adobe.com/go/EN_US-H-GET-READER).

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### **Can I receive a hard copy of the newsletter and an e-mail too?**

Since our purpose is to reduce the amount of resources needed to supply the newsletter (thereby freeing up funds for additional purposes), the alumni association would like to move away from printing paper copies as much as possible. With that said, once you obtain the newsletter via e-mail, you are certainly free to print a copy on your own printer.

### **How do I know whether or not I will receive a hard copy or e-mailed copy of the newsletter?**

We will e-mail the newsletter to all e-mail addresses that we have on the alumni e-mail roster (see the link above). For all names that we don't have an e-mail address for, we will mail a hard copy newsletter, unless otherwise requested.

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### **Alumni Scholarships**

The Alumni association is proud to be able to help further the education of FHS graduates. Scholarship applications are available in the guidance office at Forrest School or can be downloaded from our website [www.forrestalumni.com](http://www.forrestalumni.com). We received these thank you notes from 2009 grads:

#### **Colin Henson**

Thank you for selecting me to receive the Forrest Alumni Association Scholarship. It is truly an honor to be one of the recipients of this award. It will be very helpful as I further my education at Carson-Newman. Thank you again, Colin Henson

#### **Summer Waggoner**

I just wanted to take a minute out to write and thank you for the \$1000 scholarship. This money will be incredibly beneficial and I really appreciate it. Also thank you for the banquet invitation. The food was good and I felt very special and honored. Thanks for all the association does and for your support. Summer Waggoner

### **Recent Donations To The Scholarship Fund**

In Honor of Eddie Francis and Coy Kilpatrick on their 50th wedding anniversary  
In Memory of Frank "Buddy" Sweeney  
In Memory of Charlie Frank Perry  
Estate of William "Bill" Gabard to establish the "Gabard Memorial Fund"

If you would like to remember or honor someone, there is a donation form in the back of this newsletter---Jimmie Lee would love to hear from you. Please include information of whom you want Jimmie to notify regarding your donation to the fund.

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Forrest High School Alumni Association  
Membership Dues Form  
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 Couple \$15

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

Make Check Payable to FHS Alumni Association----send form and check to  
Ricky Sweeney ,1502 Hunters Chase , Chapel Hill, Tennessee 37034

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FHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Donation Form

( ) I desire to support the FHS Alumni Scholarship Fund with a one time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

( ) I desire to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I desire to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address  
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City, State, Zip  
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Please include the name and address of who you would like notified of your donation.  
Make check Payable to FHS Alumni Scholarship Fund----send form and check to  
Jimmie Lee, 103 Crosby Drive ,Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075

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