

THE FORREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Happy New Year! I am grateful for the confidence placed in me, choosing me president of this fine organization. I appreciate those who served so faithfully in the roll before me, and for dedicated officers and executive council members who have given and still give of their time and energies for the good of the Forrest Alumni.

I haven't asked them why they do it, but I'm sure they do it for the same reasons I do--- they dearly love Forrest High School, the cherished friendships made at Forrest and the wonderful memories of growing up in the greatest little town in America, Chapel Hill.

John Rickman

FORREST ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS BENEFICIARY OF BILL GABARD'S GENEROUS GIFT

He left donations to several organizations and institutions that were dear to him. In 2010 the Forrest Alumni Association gratefully received from the estate of the late Bill Gabard \$110,000, which has been placed in the FHS Scholarship Fund. The interest on the sum will supply needed dollars for Forrest High graduates who attend institutions of higher learning.

WHO WAS BILL GABARD?

William "Bill" Montgomery Gabard, Forrest graduate, was the son of late William Montgomery and Nell Haynes Gabard, born August 17, 1922 in Marshall County. He died on August 18, 2006 at the age of 84. He was a resident of Valdosta, Georgia and a long-time faculty member of Valdosta State University where he was a professor and head of the history department. Dr. Gabard was the founding director of Valdosta State International Studies Program. He taught approximately 10,000 students during his 40 years at VSU. According to an article in the Valdosta Dailey Times, "He is remembered for having a personality larger than life and as an extraordinary man in language and character."

After graduating from Forrest, he received an AB degree from the University of Tennessee, a MA degree from Northwestern University and a PH.D. from Tulane University. After his retirement from the faculty a Valdosta State he and his wife, Lougenia "Lou", were close to and involved in almost all activities on campus. In fact, they lived only a short distance from campus. Bill dismantled the old family house out Eagleville Road, which had initially been built of logs. The logs were taken to Valdosta and a beautiful relic from Chapel Hill now stands on a lot next to their main residence. Family and friends were always welcome to stay in the cabin whenever visiting.

This is the Chapel Hill family connection---Bill was a brother to the late, Joe Gabard and a brother-in-law to Tommie, an uncle to Joseph Gabard and Mary Ann Gabard Schmidt, and a cousin to Mary Johns Rickman Major, Jim and John, and a first cousin to the Rickman's father, Ike Rickman.

Bill loved Chapel Hill and all ties to the community, and he never forgot where his successes in education began---at Forrest. This wonderful contribution will perpetually benefit students graduating Forrest.

Save The Date---Saturday June 4, 2011. The alumni softball and baseball games will be held at the FHS fields beginning with the softball at six p.m., followed by the baseball game at 7:30. A \$5 admission for all (school age and up) will benefit the association scholarship fund and the softball and baseball programs at Forrest. For more information contact Katie Harris at 931-364-7330.

Trivia Night!!

When: January 22, 2011

Where: Forrest School

Time: Event opens at 6:00 P.M. Light meal before game
Game starts at 7:00 P.M.

What: There will be ten rounds of ten questions. There is no minimum number on a team but there is a maximum of six on each team. A ticket will be given for each dollar donated to the scholarship fund and drawings for door prizes will take place between rounds.

Why: Scholarship Fund

January 22, 2011, is the third annual Trivia Night. This event is used to help fund the Forrest Alumni Scholarship Fund. This is a fun night for participants. There are ten

rounds of ten questions each. Last year the categories included: On the Menu, Famous Logos, Happy Holidays, Fashion Fads, and Sports. If you think you would enjoy such a night, please get a team together and join us. Teams with diversity in age and interests will have an advantage. There is no minimum number on each team but the maximum is six to a team. The cost is \$60/team and includes a light meal. The game begins at 7:00 P.M. but the meal will be served before the game.

The Brown/Ogilvie Team has won the previous two Trivia contests. The members of the Brown/Ogilvie team are Ronnie, Jay Brown, Christy Brown, Robert Brown, Helen Brown, and Jimmy Ogilvie. This team has plans to compete again this year. Can anyone put together a team that can defeat the two time champions? Start making plans and support the Forrest Alumni Scholarship Fund!!

KNOWN ALUMNI DEATHS SINCE AUGUST

Bo Hill	William Pate Garrett
Gayle Hill Terrell	John Tingler
Don Osteen	Kathy Luker Kritz
Cody Curtis	Louise Kincaid Moore