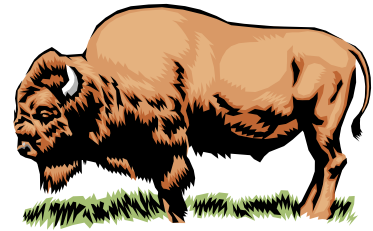


Carlisle Alumni Association Newsletter

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A Centennial Celebration

In 1906, a very special event took place. A young lady named Ruby Cook graduated from Carlisle High School. What made this so special is the fact that Miss Cook was the first person to ever graduate from C.H.S.! We do not know when the Carlisle School District was formed, but we do know that Miss Cook became the

first graduate. Her commencement ceremony was held at the Carlisle Methodist Church. 2006 gives us an extra reason to celebrate as we prepare to mark this milestone in our history. As we look forward to our homecoming celebration in October, we will be planning to recognize our decade classes again. Representatives

from the classes of 1996, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956, 1946 and 1936 are already working on reunion plans and memorabilia displays. We also hope to have information from the classes of 1916 and 1926 and are currently trying to find information regarding our 1906 graduate, Ruby Cook.

Apology from the President

For those that were able to come to Homecoming 2005, I hope that you enjoyed your time in Carlisle and had a great experience during alumni weekend. I am certainly aware that some parts of our weekend were not as well prepared as I would have liked for them to be. We were planning to have some wonderful alumni entertainment for you on Saturday afternoon, but unforeseen circumstances prevented that from happening. We basically ended up without an entertainment plan at the last minute. I apologize for that. We are going to try to do much better this year and really hope that our alumni entertainers can return and give us a great show!! Please give us your ideas and requests to make alumni weekend even better!!!

Is your class planning a reunion this year? Use the web site to let the Alumni Association know your plans!!

Scholarship Report

The commitment of the C.H.S. Alumni Association to provide scholarship assistance to graduates of Carlisle High School remains a top priority. As has been reported earlier, all of our scholarship funds are held by the Carlisle Scholarship Foundation, Inc. This is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that can provide security and stability for our scholarship funds, as well as tax incentives to those who contribute. Our on-going goal is to establish enough endowed funds to provide one or more scholarships from interest income each year. We have not been able to achieve that goal yet.

At the end of 2005, our association had \$13,966.38 in accounts with the Carlisle Scholarship Foundation. This amount generated \$337.72 in interest income for the year.

Each year since the association was re-organized in 2000, there

has been a \$500.00 scholarship awarded to a Carlisle graduating senior. That comes to a mere \$3,000.00 over six years. We want to do better than that!

Two years ago, the association began a fund-raising drive for our scholarship funds. There were three designated levels of giving for this drive: Alumni Level - \$360.00 or more, Bison Level - \$240.00 - \$359.99, and Black & Gold Level - \$120.00 to \$239.99. At this time, we've had 11 Black & Gold level contributors, 2 Bison level contributors and 6 Alumni level contributors. We have also had a variety of memorials given in amounts under \$120.00 in honor and memory of individuals.

As we continue our efforts to establish endowed scholarships, please keep the alumni scholarship fund in mind as you make your charitable contribution choices for the next year.

Preserving the History of Carlisle

In the by-laws of our association, one of our stated objectives is to “preserve the history of the Carlisle Schools through the acquisition, maintenance, and display of historical memorabilia”. That mission has been extended to include the history of our community as well. Through the efforts of the Honorary Historian of Carlisle, Olivia Amaden Kegley, our collection of historical artifacts and memorabilia has grown considerably over the last six years. We feel very fortunate to be in a position to preserve such a rich part of our history and tradition. You have seen evidence of these efforts in the newspaper articles that run in the *Carlisle Independent* leading up to homecoming weekend each year as well as the incredible displays that are set up during the weekend. On almost a continual basis, individuals are coming forward with more infor-

mation and wonderful troves of historical treasures to offer for our safekeeping.

Some of the more interesting items in our collection include Bison yearbooks from the 1920’s and ‘30’s, high school diplomas from the 1920’s, seniors scrapbooks from the 1920’s on, an original plat of the City of Carlisle, contents of the Centennial of Rice time capsule sealed in 1954 and opened in 2004, and literally hundreds of individual photos and documents relating various historical aspects of our town and school.

Many of the items in our collection are in dire need of preservation efforts. Two examples of this include the plat of the City of Carlisle and the diplomas from the 1920’s. The plat has sustained water damage and the glass frame has been broken. It is in dire need of restoration efforts if it is to be

preserved. The diplomas are in excellent shape but cannot be displayed without being preserved in an appropriate frame. These, and any other type of preservation efforts, cost money.

At Homecoming 2005, the association kicked off a fundraising drive to raise money for our historical preservation efforts. To meet the immediate needs of preservation, storage, and display, our goal for this drive is \$10,000.00. Ultimately, we hope to find an appropriate location to store the collection and have permanent displays available. Your contribution toward the historical efforts of the association are greatly appreciated and are 100% tax deductible. For more information on how you can add to the collection or contribute toward preservation, contact Olivia Kegley at 870-552-7070.

Homecoming 2006 Focusing on Activities

Our resident historian began making plans on October 23, 2005 for the 2006 homecoming displays. In addition to recognizing our decade classes from 1906-1996, we will once again be highlighting our golden decade class from 1956.

In an effort to offer more variety to the displays and add to our historical collection, we will also be featuring several extra-curricular activities this year. Specifically, we will be focusing on football, basketball, cheerleading and band. Individuals who have any type of memorabilia relating to these areas are encouraged to either loan or donate these items to the alumni association for display at homecoming. Loaned items will, of course, be returned. Donated items will be taken into the care of our permanent collection. Items of interest could include uniforms, programs, photographs, keepsakes, trophies, letters, etc. What someone might consider most insignificant could be of great historical interest to others. Those interested in helping with this endeavor may contact Olivia Kegley at 870-552-7070 or one of the individuals listed below.

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Where Does the Money Go??

Your alumni association has three primary sources of revenue:

1. Membership Dues
2. T-Shirt sales at homecoming
3. Christmas Fish Supper

As with any organization, it takes money to run the alumni association. But what is money spent on? These are examples of expenses from last year:

- Postage - \$362.60
- Homecoming - \$1105.41 (facilities, sound, signs, etc.)
- Web Hosting - \$299.40
- Chamber Membership - \$100.00
- Misc. Supplies - \$334.07

These expenses are kept at a minimum because of the dedication of alumni members who give of their time and own resources toward our endeavors.

Income last year was as follows:

- Membership Dues - \$1155.00
- Interest Income - \$31.86
- T-Shirt & Raffle - \$722.52
- Fish Fry - \$208.23

In addition, there were also memorial contributions that were given toward the scholarship fund.

Website Project to be Completed

The official website of the Carlisle Alumni Association, CarlisleAlumni.Org, was developed and designed by Paul Rice, Class of 1982. Paul passed away in 2005, but his dream of having a first-class web site for our association continues to flourish.



<http://CarlisleAlumni.Org>

There has been an on-going effort to update the class databases on our website to make them as accurate as possible. In addition, senior pictures from Bison yearbooks have been added to each graduate page on the website. Each graduate also has the option of posting a recent picture on their page if they so choose. By the time that the 2006 CHS graduates receive their diplomas, it is hoped

that this project will be completed. We will, without a doubt, have one of the best high school alumni web sites to be found

anywhere! A huge THANKS to Paul for his vision and dream. Each graduate is encouraged to go to

the website to help update their contact information and post a current picture to share with everyone. There are instructions on how to scan the picture to be posted on the website. If you don't have Internet access at home, you can contact your local school or public library for access opportunities. Visit the website at <http://CarlisleAlumni.Org>.

Membership Madness!!!

600+ During Our Centennial Year!

Association Officers

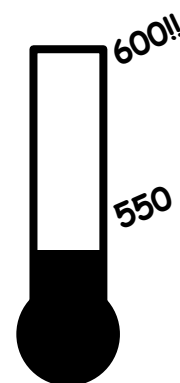
- President - Mike Calvert
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To celebrate the centennial year of our alumni association, we are kicking off a special membership drive. Our goal is to have 600 members of the alumni association by Saturday, October 21, 2006. Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a special Centennial Edition membership application. If you recruit one new member for the association, you and that new member will be entered in a drawing for two tickets to the chamber of commerce fish supper on Saturday night of homecoming weekend. The

drawing will be held during our program on Saturday afternoon. A membership in the alumni association is a perfect gift for that special family member or friend. Help us reach 600 in 2006!!



Congratulations to our 2005 Membership Madness winners! They will receive two free fish dinners at Homecoming 2006!

Madge Moery '24
David Woods '75
Sheila Treadway Lea '90

Save the Date

Homecoming 2006 October 20-21



Check the website for continued updates on class reunions, special events, and homecoming information.



Alumni, Alumnus, Alumnae....

Which one is it????

a·lum·nus n. pl. a·lum·ni (-n)

A male graduate or former student of a school, college, or university.

[Latin, pupil, from alere, to nourish. See al-2 in Indo-European Roots.]

Usage Note: Alumnus and alumna both come from Latin and preserve Latin plurals. Alumnus is a masculine noun whose plural is alumni, and alumna is a feminine noun whose plural is alumnae. Coeducational institutions usually use alumni for graduates of both sexes. But those who object to masculine forms in such cases may prefer the phrase alumni and alumnae or the form alumnae/i, which is the choice of many women's colleges that have begun to admit men.

<http://dictionary.com>

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Celebrating 100 Years

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