

# Aggie News

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## From The Editor:

Greetings Classmates,

The theme for this issue of The Aggie News is Reunions. A few of the classes have managed to stay in contact over the years and have gotten together for occasional reunions. As Martha Stewart would say, "That's a good thing." Unfortunately, most classes have not, so we thought it would be a good time to include some articles on the subject that might serve as inspiration for others to think about getting back together.

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Charlie Main Class of '56



## The Alumni Web Site:

The Essex Aggie Alumni web site at [www.essexaggie.org](http://www.essexaggie.org) continues to provide a valuable resource for those that have internet access to keep informed about alumni activities. Visitors can check their class rosters to see who we have found and who is still missing, contact their classmates via the e-mail links provided, check the photo album for recently submitted photos, and use the message board for posting messages to all. Stop by for a visit often because the web site is updated frequently.

We still have hopes of adding a new section titled Alumni Business Card Page. It would provide a good place for alumni to advertise their business and a good resource for alumni who want to support those businesses. We need submissions from alumni to get the page started. If you have a business or profession and have a business card, send us one of your cards with a brief description of your product or service so we can get this section started.

Mail to: Charles Main, 643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562

## Thank You:

Your alumni association officers would sincerely like to thank all those who have made contributions to their alumni. To those who sent us news, notes and photos; 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

## James F. Gallant:

(From the Danvers Herald)  
Wednesday, October 16, 2002

James Francis Gallant Jr., 97, of Danvers died Oct. 14 at the Hunt Nursing and Retirement Home. He was the husband of the late Winifred D. (Hannon) Gallant.

Born and raised in Worcester, Mr. Gallant was the son of the late James F. and Estella L. (Bond) Gallant.

He was educated in the Worcester school system and was a graduate of Worcester North High School, Class of 1923. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1927 and his Master of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1937. He continued to pursue his profession with advanced studies at Yale University.

Mr. Gallant had been employed at the Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute from 1927 to 1974.

During his tenure as educational manager at Essex Aggie, he initiated many changes, including the vocational guidance program conducted in cooperation with each of the cities and towns in Essex County.

Upon becoming director in 1959, the institute expanded its educational curriculum and embarked on a building program that resulted in modern institutional facilities for the training of young men and women. This started with the Alumni Gymnasium, followed by the McNamara-O'Shea Science Building, the John T. Berry Hall and the enlargement of Maude Hall.

The granting of the associate degree and the development of the one-year Health Occupation programs was achieved under his direction.

At his retirement in 1974, State Sen. William L. Saltonstall presented Mr. Gallant with citations from President Richard Nixon, Sen. Edward Kennedy, the governor of Massachusetts, as well as the members of the Massachusetts State and House of Representatives.

Due to his achievement during his 45 years at the Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, Gallant Hall was dedicated in his honor on April 12, 1978.

Mr. Gallant served as a member of the Danvers Housing Authority for 25 years and opted not to seek reelection at the age of 87.

During his 20 years as an elected member of the Danvers Housing Authority, the town saw the emergence of Hawkes Manor, Maple/Charter Street, Tapley Manor, Highland Manor, Rand Circle and units on Poplar and Collins streets. He was instrumental in developing 180 elderly units, 52 two, three and four bedroom family units, as well as two houses for the handicapped.

Tapley Manor was dedicated in his honor in 1991 and his portrait hangs in the residence's community area.

Mr. Gallant was a communicant of St. Richard Church and served on several civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Thomas E. Power Council, Knights of Columbus, where he was a past Grand Knight and former state district deputy. He was also a past member of the Danvers Council on Aging.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Talbot of Chocorua, N.H., and Winifred Gagnon of Raymond, Maine, and Kissimmee, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Mary Russell of Connecticut, Winifred Wickes of Indiana, Josephine Sullivan of Winchester and Marist Sister Mary Anthony of Waltham; and his dear friend, Clare Hayes of Danvers.

He was also the father of the late Jean Marie and brother of the late Edward B. Gallant, U.S. Air Force, B.G., of California.



Editor's note:

(Just last August we heard from Mr. Gallant's daughter Winifred Gagnon that he was in fairly good health for his age and maintained a sharp mind. He sent his regards to all his former students and colleagues.

We will always be grateful for all the wonderful things he did for us during our school years. Mr. Gallant's many years of dedication to Essex Aggie and its students will long be remembered.)

*High school is one of the best times in a person's life.*

*It's too bad that it often isn't realized until we become older.*

## **Riley Heath – Fruit Science Teacher**

Riley Heath, 51, of Lee Hook Road, died Nov. 17, 2002 at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, after a period of failing health.

Born July 11, 1951 in West Stewartstown, NH, he was the son of the late Rodney and Marcele (Riley) Heath. He was raised in Stewartstown and was a 1969 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

He was very active with Future Farmers of America. He served as State President in his senior year, was a National Delegate, Parliamentarian, State Chapter Secretary and was involved with Interscholastic Judging for grades 10 thru 12.

Riley received a masters degree in Occupational Education from the University of New Hampshire in 1982. He was an active member of Alpha Gamma Rho while he attended UNH.

He was a vocational agriculture teacher at Penn Hills High School, Penn Hills, Pa., and at Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute he taught fruit science and ran the school fruit stand.

For the last ten years he was foreman at RC Hetnar Orchards in Epping.

Riley enjoyed fishing and working his farm.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Barbara (Schanda) Heath of Lee; his daughter, Colleen Martha Heath of Lee; three brothers, William Heath of Stewartstown, NH, Rocky Heath of Red Hook, NY, and Lawrence Andrews of Columbia, NH; one sister, Donna Caron of Stewartstown; 2 nieces, 2 nephews, aunts & uncles.

## **A letter from Harold M. Kelly '42**

Dear Charlie: The Aggie News was a wonderful thing to receive.

I am moving to my new address on June 20<sup>th</sup> Just as soon as I get my bank checks I will forward a check with the membership application.

I'm so happy to hear you are all doing well.

The only two I hear from are Jim Gallant and Dick Brown

My wife is in a nursing home and I will be in an assisted living home just down the street.

Good luck to all,  
Harold M. Kelly '42.

If anyone would like to send a note to one of the nicest teachers we ever had, he can be reached at:  
9 Summer Street, Danvers, MA 01923  
We are sure he would like to hear from you.

## **Class of 1983**

Elaine Flanagan '83 has recently been on a campaign to find more of her missing classmates and has been very successful. She has managed to locate almost all from that class and the class of 1983 now becomes the leader with the most classmates found. The class of 1956 used to hold that distinction but thanks to Elaine's efforts we now have a new champ.

We encourage others to undertake a similar project for their class.

# Reunion News

## Class of 1949

On August 24, 2002 a group from the class of 1949 got together at Doug Emeney's daughter's house at 522 Cabot Street in Beverly. Ten classmates showed up. We had a very nice time and the food and the weather were all in our favor. We were supposed to have it on September 29<sup>th</sup> but due to Doug's condition, we changed the date to August. Doug Emeney died on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002. God rest his soul. He will be missed by all of us.

Bill Walsh '49



Left to right: Bill Holland, Ernie Seymour, Vern Reinhold, Bill Walsh, Doug Emeney, Bob Henderson, Phil Gelinas, Ray Webster, Gene Somerby, Fred Proulx

(Editor's note: Bill Walsh has recently been known to us as "Mr. Death" because of his frequent mailings of obituaries. We appreciate his efforts to keep us informed and encourage others to do the same. With alumni scattered all over the planet the only way we are going to hear about our classmates and teachers, good news or bad, is if everyone sends us the news).

## Classes of the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s

There is talk on the grape vine that there will be a multiple decade reunion held in 2004. If someone would like to organize a reunion for the 1960s decade it would be helpful but if not, we will combine all four decades for the 2004 get together.

# Reunion News

## Classes of the 1960s

A reunion for the classes of the '60s is long overdue. If anyone from the 1960s would like to organize a reunion for that decade, let us know and we'll help get you started. We can provide mailing lists & labels, research assistance for finding missing classmates, notice mailings, etc.

## Class of 1975

Class of 1975 gathering, summer of 2002

Ken and Sandra Elwell had a great cookout for the class on sat the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Greg McClain, '75



From top left to right:  
Brad Macdonald, Ernie French, Ken Elwell, Ken Holbrook, , Greg McClain, Cheryl Kochakian, John Wood, Sandra (Colby) Elwell, Pete Tierney

## Other Class Reunions

There have been some other recent class reunions that have taken place but we have not received any reports. If you are the organizer or a participant in a class reunion or get together, please send us a report and photos so we can publish the information.



## News From the Classes

### **Joseph Scoglio, Class of 1934**

Joseph Scoglio, 88, of Beverly died last November at Beverly Hospital. A lifelong resident of Beverly, he worked as a landscape gardener at Flying Horse Farm. He also worked for many years as a custodian for the Beverly school system before retiring.

### **Douglas Emeney, Class of 1949**

Douglas Emeney died last October from cancer. Doug retired in 1992 as the associate director of the physical plant at Tufts University.

### **Angelo Fatello, Class of 1950**

Angelo F. Fatello, 73, died unexpectedly last November. A meatcutter by trade, he was employed first at the Boston Market, then for many years he worked at the former First National Store in Danvers Square. He eventually retired from Eric's Harvest Time in Lynn.

### **Peter Kalunian Class of 1960**

We heard from Peter Kalunian last October. After graduating in 1960, Peter received a Doctor's degree in Education from Boston University and was a school psychologist and Director of Special Education for various public school districts. In 1990 he became ordained an Episcopal Priest and is now serving at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kennewick, Washington. His Wife Kathy is the Director of Education at the local hospital. They have twin daughters, age 23.

### **Ralph Boragine, Class of 1965**

Ralph A. Boragine, 56, died last October in his home. Ralph was a custodian in West Newbury schools for 20 years.

### **Robert Corthell, Class of 1966**

We heard from Robert Corthell last October. He is currently working full time teaching Tractor Trailer Driving for Con-Way Central Express at the Dracut Terminal. Bob and his wife own and operate Chandler's Auto School in Haverhill.

### **Frances Dube, Class of 1967**

Frances Dube recently retired from the Swampscott Fire Department after 32 years of service.

### **Dennis Geldart, Class of 1980**

Dennis Geldart passed away last year due to injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

## News From the School

### **Richard Doherty**

Richard Doherty of Andover died suddenly last August at age 65. Mr. Doherty taught at the Aggie for many years in the post-high academic division. He retired in 2001 and his untimely death was a shock to his many friends and former students.

### **Stanley Shipulski**

Stanley Shipulski of Saugus died last year.

### **Richard Emerson – Gene Demsey**

With the retirement of Richard Emerson this past school year, Gene now becomes the new Plant Science department head. Since this fall the Plant Science department has moved into the 3rd floor of the McNamara-O'Shea Science Building, and with the Animal Science department (under department head Ed White) on the 2nd floor, most of the vo-ag programs are now located in the same building. The only exception is the Environmental Science department (under chairmanship of Charles Saulnier) who is quite happy being down in the Field House.

### **TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADDS INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR STUDENTS**

Students using the school's state of the art "Infolab", have yet another high tech tool at their disposal for specialized software applications. Environmental Science (ES) students are producing high quality 3D color contour maps with the new wide format printer/plotter that was recently installed. The HP DesignJet 500 PS is an impressive peripheral that uses both roll and sheet paper producing GIS maps, landscape design plans and digital photographs up to 42" wide.



The Infolab, a high tech "smart room", is located in the Science Building. Widely used by most classes at the school, It features 21 networked PC's with high speed internet access, data and video projection, "smart board" technology, laser and ink jet printing, as well as satellite downlink projection.

The fall 2002 semester also gives the academic classes in Gallant Hall a new wireless mobile laptop lab that can enable students in the classroom to access the internet and the campus network.

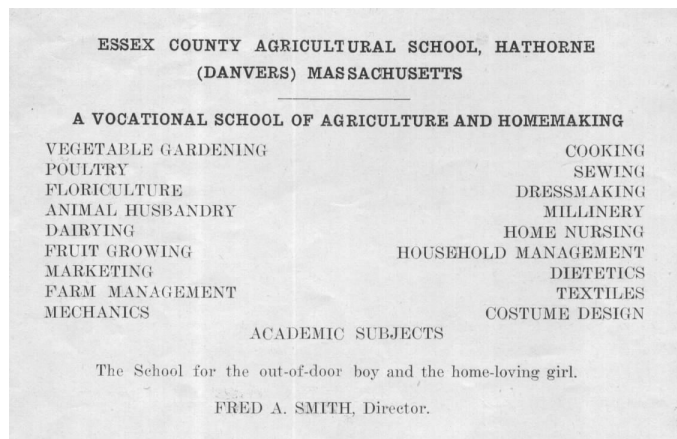
(Thanks to Ted Navakowski & Gene Demsey for keeping us informed about the school goings on.)

Visit the school web site at <http://www.agtech.org> for all the latest news of the school.

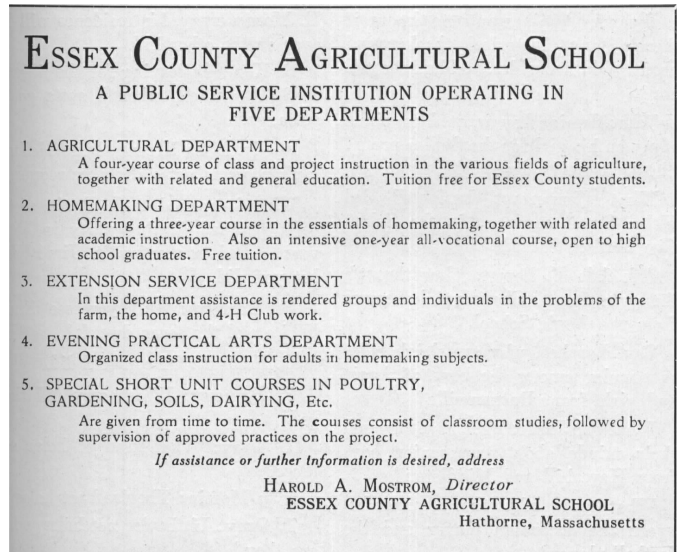
# Courses Offered – Then & Now

## In the 1920s Essex Aggie was advertised as:

A Vocational School Of Agriculture and Homemaking



Courses offered in 1928



Courses offered in 1941



Homemaking School Library 1937

## In the 2000s Essex Aggie is advertised as:

Specializing in the Plant, Animal and Environmental Sciences

Vocational Courses Offered:

### Agribusiness Major

Agricultural Shop  
Agriscience  
Computers  
Dog Agility & Obedience  
Food Technology  
Grooming

### Horse Management Major

Agriscience  
Animal Health  
Grooming  
Riding  
Shop / Computers  
Stable Management

### Floriculture Major

Computers  
Floral Design  
Interior Plants & Design  
Ornamental Horticulture  
Perennials  
Plantscapes  
Small Business Management  
Weeds & Pesticides

### Ornamental Horticulture Major

Arboriculture  
Chain Saws / Small Engines  
Irrigation  
Landscape Design  
Ornamental Horticulture  
Small Engines / Hydraulics  
Weeds & Pesticides  
Woody Landscape Materials

### Natural Resources Major

Arboriculture  
Chain Saws / Small Engines  
Computers / Shop  
Irrigation  
Landscape Construction  
Natural Resources  
Ornamental Horticulture  
Weeds & Pesticides

### Environmental Science Major

Canoe Building Shop  
Environmental Science  
Field Study  
Hazmat Certification  
Marine Sanctuaries  
Oceanography  
Salt Water Ecology  
Shop

### Academic Courses include:

Algebra, American Literature, Business Math, Chemistry  
Composite Math, Current Events, Physics, Trigonometry  
U. S. History, Wellness

# Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2003

Membership dues for 2003 will be \$20.00

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) High School Division (\_\_\_\_) College Division

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children Names \_\_\_\_\_

## Please register my membership for 2003

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2003 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**

Occasionally our members move and forget to notify us of their new address. This often results in us never being able to find them again. Also, sometimes communication will unexpectedly stop and we are concerned about someone's health. Please provide the names of up to three people who will always know how to find you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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