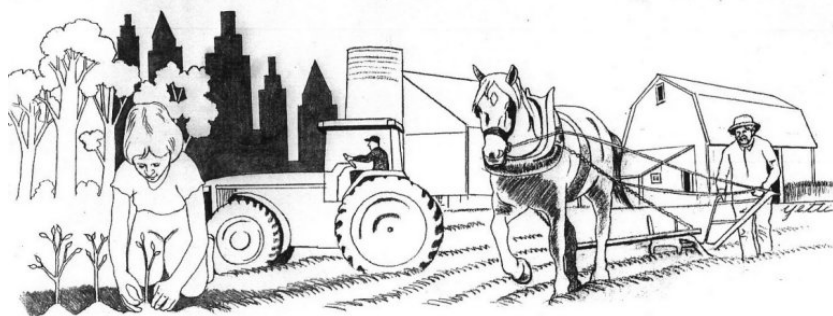


Aggie News



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Election Year for Alumni Board

This is an election year for the alumni Board of Directors. In the month of December, 2011 the full slate of officers and directors for the 2012-2013 term of office will be elected. Any paid member of the alumni association can run for any board position.

The alumni board of directors makes the day to day business decisions of the association. An officer or director is responsible for making balanced decisions for whichever segment of the alumni that they represent.

At the present time it looks like we may have many unfilled positions on the Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 term of office. We will be needing Decade Directors for the 1940s, 1950s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, a Director-At-Large and a College Division Director.

If you are interested in serving on the alumni board of directors please contact the alumni secretary. For additional information or to be placed on the ballot contact Charles Main, Secretary/Treasurer
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The President's Corner

The common thread which ties us as Aggie Alumni is our memories of our days on the Aggie campus. For some, those memories are of the area itself with the dozens of beautiful Maple trees scattered about the grounds. For others it is the memory of a caring faculty that helped us find our way into early adulthood. For others, it was the joy of learning how to turn our labor into a beautiful flower, a prize winning animal or an exhibition that made us and our family members swell with pride. It doesn't matter in which year we graduated, the memories are much the same.

For many of us the Aggie experience extends even further. Our desire to preserve many of the best features of the school, our desire to help future generations of Aggie students achieve their dreams, desires and preserve memories of their own.

What about you? What's your fondest memory of the Aggie? Are you willing to help preserve those memories? What about the next generations of Aggie graduates? Are you willing to support their dreams and help them build wonderful memories?

I'm hoping that your answer is yes to those last two questions. In fact, I'm counting on your willingness to help. How? In one or more of the following ways.

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Scholarships

Alumni Association Scholarships for 2011

This year the alumni association will be awarding three graduating students a total of \$3,000.

\$1,000 V. Byron Bennett Scholarship. This new scholarship will recognize Mr. Bennett for his role as guidance counselor. Mr. Bennett typified what was best about Essex Aggie. He cared for students in and out of the classroom. He believed that Aggie graduates were as capable as any to continue with higher education and worked tirelessly to see that they were given every opportunity to do so.

Whitney Comeau has won the V. Byron Bennett Scholarship. Whitney will be entering a four year Animal Science/Pre Veterinary program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

\$1,000 Richard M. Brown Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any student who wishes to attend a college or university and will be majoring in Animal/Environmental Sciences. The scholarship honors the long time instructor Richard M. Brown. Mr. Brown was a graduate of Essex Aggie, class of 1942.

Casara Lane will receive the Richard M. Brown Scholarship. Casara will undertake a four year program at Salem State University, majoring in environmental biology.

\$1,000 Patrick G. Santin Essay Award. This award is sponsored by the Patrick G. Santin family. Mr. Santin was a graduate of Essex Aggie, class of 1937

Krystal Mannion, the second ranked senior at the Aggie, will receive the Patrick G. Santin Scholarship. Krystal plans to study marine science for four years at the University of New England.

The Business Start-up Bursary. This award is given to any qualifying student to help with business start-up expenses. There were no applications for this award this year so the funds will be held for a possible application next year.



Alumni scholarship winners:
Whitney Comeau / Krystal Mannion / Casara Lane

Gary Pelletier Memorial Scholarship

This year the class of 1981 sponsored a \$500 scholarship to honor one of their deceased classmates who died in 2004. The recipient of the award was Anthony Gaito of West Newbury. Anthony was a Natural Resources major. He is an active member of the FFA, serving as both a junior officer and chapter officer for 3 of his 4 years. Anthony is one of the first individuals to step up and volunteer for most activities and gives of himself and his time unselfishly. For the past year Anthony wanted to challenge himself and was enrolled at North Shore Community College in the dual enrollment program, where he's currently working on his 4th college course earning 12 credits toward his college degree while still in high school full time.



Raelene Lasher '81 and Anthony Gaito

Deceased Classmates:

Robert K Hughes - Class of 1949 + School Staff



SALEM - Robert K. Hughes, 85, husband of the late Joanne P. (Marraffa) Hughes of Salem died Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4, 2011 in the Kaplan Family Hospice House, Danvers, surrounded by his family. Born in Boston, the son of the late Albert and Dorothy Gladys (Wilson) Hughes, he was raised and educated in Malden. Following

his graduation from Essex Agricultural and Technical School class of 1943, he joined the United States Navy during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 and became employed by United Farmers until returning to the Navy for a second tour of duty during the Korean War. During his service, he was stationed on several ships including the USS Massachusetts. For several years he had played Minor League Baseball for Ferncroft, a team owned by the New York Yankees. Once discharged he and his late wife married and began their family. Mr. Hughes returned to the dairy industry on the North Shore working with many dairies including Dunajski Dairy in Peabody. He was also a lab instructor at Essex Agricultural School for many years, teaching Dairy Production until retiring in 1989. Mr. Hughes took great pride in his family as well as raising English Budgies, (a bird similar to a parakeet) with his closest friend John Carrocca.

Earnest F Daniels - Class of 1961

BEVERLY - Ernest F. Daniels, 62, of Beverly, died Saturday evening, Feb. 26, 2011 in Beverly Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Valerie (Freeman) Daniels of Beverly. Born in Everett on June 12, 1942, he was the son of the late Thelma (Richardson) (Daniels) Whelpley and the late Frederick P. Daniels. He was raised and educated in Middleton and was a graduate of the Essex Agricultural School. Mr. Daniels had been a resident of Danvers and Beverly most of his life. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, James Daniels of Danville, N.H., Kevin Daniels of Winterville, N.C., Laurie Ventine of Middleton, and Heather Russell of Hinsdale, Ill.; two brothers, Perry Daniels of Ft. Myers, Fla., Frederick Daniels of Bridgewater, Va.

The President's Corner (Cont.)

First: Running for election to the Board of Directors. Using your experience based skills to help steer the course of the organization. You will need to commit to a minimum of four Board meetings per year, active participation in one or more subcommittees responsible for planning and directing activities associated with the Association and the willingness and ability to work with the school administration and other organizations within the school to support past and future grads.

Second: A lesser time and talent commitment by participating in one of those active committee programs. You can help plan and execute specific projects which can and will take place throughout the calendar year such as an Alumni booth/exhibit at the Topsfield Fair; an annual Homecoming event for all alumni; career days for the current student body, etc.

Third: Still don't think that you can make that level of time commitment? Can you write a check? Yes, it's the old but necessary subject of money. The projects that you will be reading about elsewhere in this newsletter didn't just happen. They each needed funding. Some of our graduates have done very well in the world and have provided large gifts to benefit the next generations. Most of the rest of us can make more modest, but just as important donations to support the scholarship program.

At twenty dollars per year there are few if any of us who cannot afford to join the association and provide the much needed revenue to continue publishing the newsletters, keep the web site in operation, pay the telephone bills and keep the Association in Business.

In other articles you will find information that will tell you more about each of these levels of participation.

One of my classmates once left a message on my phone which stated, "If you really cared you'd be there." I ask of you, do you really care? Do you want to honor those good memories? Are you going to take action and get involved? I'm counting on you!

George P. Jones, III '58
President, Essex Aggie Alumni Association

Deceased Classmates:

Patrick G Santin - Class of 1937



DANVERS - Patrick Gildo Santin, 92, of Danvers, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Collins) Santin. Born in Rowley, he grew up in Beverly, the youngest of nine children of the late Antonio and Luigia Santin of Cordenons, Italy. He was a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Marines, serving as a fighter pilot

in World War II. He flew Corsairs in the Pacific Theater and then served as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla.

Pat was a fixture in local sports, serving as a high school and college football official and basketball official for over 60 years. He was a member of the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (EAIFO) and the Association of New England Football Officials (ANEFO) where he received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a charter member of Board 130 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO). He became a high school softball umpire at the age of 74 and continued through his mid 80s.

Pat graduated from Essex Aggie in 1937. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a degree in horticulture. He worked as a County Agent for a number of years and had a lifelong love of plants. He joined his brother, Ernie, at Santin Engineering in Beverly and worked there until his retirement.

He played football, basketball, track, and baseball at UMass and was co-captain of the football team. He remained active in sports his entire life, competing in track and field at the Senior Olympics at the State and National level. He was also an avid golfer and played at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club and Salem Greens.

Pat was a communicant at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers where he sang in the choir for four decades.

He is survived by his four children, Linda Perkins and her husband Christopher of Shrewsbury, Patricia Santin and her partner Jan Watts of Plymouth, Pamela Santin and her partner Tom Keegan of Dan-

vers, Brian Santin and his wife Libby of Chattanooga, TN and two grandchildren.

The Santin family has established a scholarship fund with the alumni association in honor of their father.

Elizabeth Frisbee - Class of 1943

AMESBURY - Elizabeth Jane Frisbee, age 86, lifelong Amesbury resident, died peacefully Thursday morning, Feb. 10, 2011 at Maplewood Care and Rehabilitation Center in Amesbury.

Born in Newburyport, Dec. 18, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Ralph T. and Annie E. (Applebee) Frisbee and was a graduate of Amesbury High School, Class of 1942, and Essex Agricultural School, Class of 1943.

Elizabeth worked as a baker at the former Amesbury Hospital from 1971 until her retirement in 1991. She had previously worked at Newbury Rug Company as a stitcher after graduating from Essex Agricultural School and, subsequently, as a Governess and assistant matron at the Amesbury and Salisbury Home for Aged Women.

Miss Frisbee was a member of the Haverhill Order of Rainbow Girls; 71-year member of Fidelity Grange of South Hampton, N.H.; 69-year member of Essex County Pomona Grange; Massachusetts State Grange and National Grange. She was also a member of the Frisbee-Frisbie Family Association of America; Essex County Agricultural & Technical Alumni Association; past president of the Piscataqua Pioneers; and a lifelong, active and faithful member of Saint James Episcopal Church of Amesbury.

In addition to her godchild, Deborah (Etsel) Gray of Maine, she leaves behind many cousins and dear, dear friends who will all remember the kindnesses that Elizabeth bestowed on everyone she knew.

Elizabeth Frisbee was a long time alumni supporter. She donated a wonderful framed photo of the class of 1919 to the alumni archives. Her father, Ralph T. Frisbee was a graduate of that class.

Reunion News

Class of 1961 50th Year Reunion

Essex Aggie Class of 1961 will be holding a Reunion celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Graduation on the weekend of Friday, September 30th, Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd, 2011. Activities have been planned for all three days and a large turnout of long-ago classmates is expected. We have been planning this get together for almost 18 months. It was fortunate that we had many classmates volunteer to serve on two planning committees: The Southern committee, based in central Florida, and the Northern committee, based in New England. After several sessions of each committee, we then had the two groups meet together to determine what the final plan would be. A combination of willing cooperation and the skills acquired from our time at the Aggie resulted in the schedule that follows:

A tour of Essex Aggie is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 30th....beginning in the Assembly Hall. Our tour guide will be Director of Community Relations, Ron Vercellone.

After the tour we will meet at Richardson's Dairy @ 3:00 PM for an "Ice Cream Social" and remember old times, old faces and tell some old stories.

Friday evening we have set aside to mingle and get reacquainted, at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Saturday, October 1st is opening day for the Topsfield Fair and there will be a shuttle bus to take the class of 1961 to and from the 193 year- old fair. We will return to the hotel at noon. Special thanks to our Classmate, Peter Gibney, for his efforts in making all the arrangements for our visit to the fair.

We will have our banquet on Saturday evening at Angelica's Restaurant, Route 114, Middleton.
Cocktails 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Dinner & Program 7:30 - 10:30 PM

During the Program there will be special recognitions, a planned video of before and after remembrances, and an opportunity for classmates to share unique moments of the past.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that DJ Frank "Wolf Man" Warner, a member of our class, will act as Master of Ceremonies and will spin the sounds of our rockin' 50's and 60's favorites.

Sunday, October 2nd, we will spend at Endicott Park in Danvers. Two of our classmates, Dave & Joan Townley, are the resident Rangers and helped create and still manage this 165 acre green gem....right in the middle of a megalopolis. We will be enjoying an old fashioned New England Clambake!!! The menu includes; Clam Chowder, Steamed Clams with broth and butter, Steamed Lobster w/drawn butter, Corn on the Cob, potato salad, coleslaw and last but not least...watermelon. I cannot think of a better way to spend a wonderful fall day. Again, the entertainment will be provided by DJ Frank Warner.

I am certain that the goodbyes at day's end will be difficult and some of us will linger into the evening saying our last farewells. It is our 50th Reunion but it is also...our first Reunion. It will be a weekend that none of us in attendance will ever forget I'm sure.

With fond memories of the Essex Aggie Class of "61",
Roland "Ron" Martin.

Class of 1981 30th Year Reunion

The class of '81 held their 30th year reunion April 15, 2011 at Days Inn in Methuen. We had a great turnout. 45 signed up and 42 made it to the event. All had a great time.

Tom Blair '81



History Corner

The First 25 Years (cont): Farm Mechanics

The Farm Mechanics Division has traveled a long way since 1918, when it started in the old carriage shed of the Webb cow barn.

In those days the instruction did not include a service department. Gas engine work was done on an abandoned Hershoff automobile engine. However, much real teaching and learning was accomplished with the tools at hand. The memory of Franklin Hammond and Ralph Denman is still green.

In 1927, Fred R. Hardy of Groveland joined the staff. To him goes the credit of drafting the plans and building the new horse barn, cow barn, and new shop, in addition to many other real improvements in all parts of the school.

The horse barn was built, not all at once, but due to the demands of class work, covered parts of the years 1927, 1928, 1929. Students were used when it was to their advantage from an instructional view-point. During the summer of 1928 and 1929, students were hired to aid.

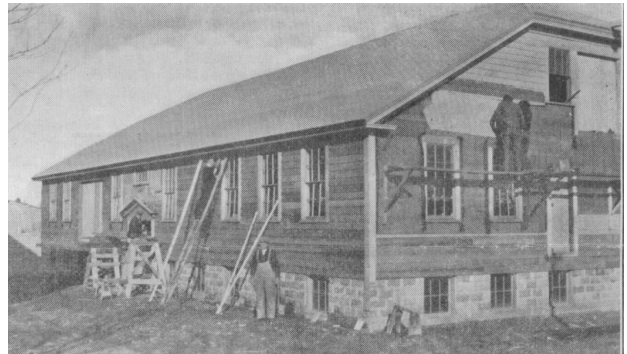
In 1930 and 1931 Mr. Hardy, with his student help, rebuilt the old cow barn and built the present addition.

1931 to 1933 saw the building of the new shop. Plans were drawn and the building was built by Mr. Hardy and his student help.

The Shop is 34 x 48 feet, and has twelve benches, each with a kit of carpenter's tools properly arranged in cabinets recessed in the wall over the benches. The power woodworking machinery includes band-saw, planer, wood-turning lathe, combination circular saw, jointer and boring machine.

With this modern shop and equipment we are able to do most any kind of work the School needs, promptly and it affords the students a much wider range of mechanical instruction than we were able to give them in the old and much smaller shop.

The shop has saved the County a great deal of money in service to the school. In addition it has been a mine of information and instruction to hundreds of students. If a visitor could follow a student as he makes his own wheelbarrow, where his hands fashion everything from the frame to the setting of the tire on his hand-made wheel, he would realize that the farm shop is a vital part of the school.



Farm Mechanics Building (1931)



Farm Shop (1936)

How many of us remember the farm shop classes we attended in this building?

How many of us have used the skills we learned there for the rest of our lives?

How many of us have even turned those skills into a business or profession?

This "First 25 Years" series is based on articles from the Essex County Agricultural School Twenty Fifth Anniversary booklet published by the alumni association in 1938. We were fortunate to receive a copy of the booklet from Pamela Santin who's father was in the class of '37. Now that the booklet is in the alumni archives we will be able to share its contents with our alumni newsletter readers.

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2011

Membership dues for 2011 will be \$20.00

(Term of membership is Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class of _____ High School Division (____) College Division (____) School Staff (____)

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Please register my membership and/or donation for 2011

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2011 Membership: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the General Fund: \$ _____

In addition, I would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ _____

(Essex Aggie Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible)

Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

Mail this form to: Essex Agricultural & Technical High School

Attn: Essex Aggie Alumni Association

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Volunteer with Essex Aggie Alumni

Any organization, in order to be successful, must have volunteers to make things happen. With every non profit organization it is a well known truism, "There is always room for one more worker or supporter." An organization such as ours can use a large variety of skills. If you have any skills or interest that you think might be useful please let us know you are out there by checking off one of the categories. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in serving as a volunteer now or in the future.

- ☐ Board of Directors
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Newsletter Committee
- ☐ Website Committee
- ☐ Scholarship Committee
- ☐ Reunions Committee
- ☐ Photo Committee
- ☐ School History Committee
- ☐ Alumni Functions Committee
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