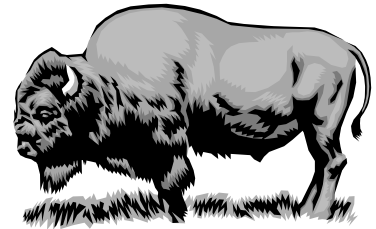


Carlisle Alumni Association Newsletter

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An Exciting Time For Your Association

Greetings Bison Alumni!

Spring has sprung and summer will be here before you know it. Spring gives us a time for renewal, reflection, and rejuvenation. Sometimes it's a little hard to get rejuvenated, but I hope you can at least take a little time to stop and enjoy life for a few minutes.

Spring is also a great time to reflect on the past successes of our alumni association and focus in on our vision for the future. We're at an incredible time in the association where many opportunities are making themselves available. We could potentially become a great high school alumni if we choose to seize those

opportunities and run with them.

Our historical collection continues to grow and we've acquired some extraordinary items relating to the history of Carlisle schools and the City of Carlisle. However, maintaining this collection and continuing to work toward its growth and expansion can't be a one-person job. We need help.

Our homecoming weekend continues to be a great hit with those who attend. However, we can't get in a rut and expect the same people to do the same things year after year after year. We need help and new ideas.

After several years of time-consuming effort, the association has estab-

lished a scholarship foundation. You can read more about that in this newsletter. The foundation, however, will be a total flop without your help.... and money.

With the continuing discussion of public school adequacy in the state, our dear old Carlisle may eventually find itself in a position of fighting for survival. A strong alumni association can be a loud voice in those discussions. You need to be involved. There are many ways that you can help your association. All we ask is that you become an active part and help us seize these opportunities to excel.

~ Mike

Carlisle Scholarship Foundation

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce the formation of the Carlisle Scholarship Foundation, Inc.!! This foundation has been in the works for over four years and has been a labor of love for several members of the association. When the association was re-organized in 2000, a commitment was made to provide scholarship opportunities to CHS seniors. Each year, the association has been able to award a \$500.00 scholarship to a CHS graduate. There was a vision, however, to grow a scholarship fund to provide more scholarships to more graduates. This is where the idea of establishing a foundation arose. The inserts included within this newslet-

ter will give you details about the specifics of the foundation.

The vision that brought about this scholarship foundation can only be achieved with your help. To that end, we are officially kicking off our 2004-2005 fundraising drive. The enclosed flyer gives details. The money that we will begin raising in the next year will help build a scholarship fund that will eventually be self-funding and perpetual. Wouldn't it be wonderful to give multiple \$1,000.00 scholarships each year? Or perhaps \$1,000.00 a year for four years? Or even a full-tuition scholarship? It's possible!! Let's all get on board and together those possibilities will become reality.

Carlisle Museum

As stated in our by-laws, one objective of our organization is to collect and preserve historical articles and memorabilia relating to Carlisle High School. It seems that our organization is also becoming the choice repository for historical items relating to Carlisle history. We're very happy to take on that role! We're very interesting in acquiring and preserving any items that relate to the history of our town or school. If you have any items that have historical worth or significance, would you consider adding it to the collection of the association? At Homecoming 2004, we will continue to present interesting, sentimental and historical displays for your enjoyment. Contact Olivia Kegley at 870-552-7070 for more information.

Homecoming Weekend 2004!!!!

The date has been set!! The school has told us that Homecoming 2004 will be on Friday, October 15. The Bison will play Marshall High School. The Alumni Association will plan to have activities through the entire weekend. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be in Carlisle for a great weekend!!

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Stay in touch, stay informed!

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If you haven't visited the association website to update your contact information (address, spouse, email address, etc.), please do so. If you don't have Internet access, please contact Mike Calvert and to have your information updated.

Honorary Alumni 2004

Two years ago, the Alumni Association decided to establish the position of "Honorary Alumni". The intent of this position is to honor individuals who are not alumni of Carlisle High School but have made a considerable impact on our school, our students, and our town. The first class of Honorary Alumni were Raymond H. Brown, Doris Brown, and Wesley P. Smith. In 2003, we honored Bill Stephens, Ted

Fotioo, Woody & Jane Woodruff.

It is now time to begin thinking about our 2004 honorees. There has been one name already submitted as of this writing, but all members of the alumni association can nominate individuals for this honor. Please submit names to Mike Calvert before May 21, 2004. Nominations will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the May meeting of the association.

Yearbook Collection

We're closer to having a complete set of Bison yearbooks. We still need the following years. If you have one of these yearbooks that you would consider

donating to the collection of the association, please contact Olivia Kegley: 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1997.

This and That

The Alumni Association is attempting to compile a complete address list of all former **homecoming queens and maids** of honor. If you are a former queen or maid and have never received information about the queens luncheon, please contact Mike Calvert.

Chris Hart '83, has graciously hosted a **football reception** the last several years at his duck lodge. All former Bison football players will be invited to this reception this year. If you are interested in helping Chris with this endeavor, please contact him at 870-552-7455.

Class Reunions - if your class is planning a reunion this year, please give details of your plans to the alumni association. We will help you publicize through our newsletter, website, and news releases. Remember that you can visit the alumni association website to update and view reunion information from your class.

Have you enjoyed **homecoming weekend** in the past? Are there things you would like to see continued? Are there new ideas that would make the weekend better? Peggy Bailey is currently forming the committee to help plan for Homecoming 2004. She would love to have your input and your offer to volunteer!