

Treasurer's Notes

I've got a lot to report this time around, so let's get right to it.

Homecoming 2004 was a rousing success! We had 110 Alumni attend with another 59 guests. (Elsewhere in this newsletter is a complete list of the alumni attending.) That is a full 20% increase over any recent year's attendance and possibly the largest Homecoming ever. The hotel tells me that they reserved 65 rooms for us, and sold nearly every one of them. All of the individual events were very well attended, and I received many favorable remarks about the food and catering services this year.

Here are some interesting facts from the event. The furthest traveled alumnus was Burt Lent '54 and his wife Celia. They came from their home in Wasilla, Alaska, and made a stop in California to visit their children and grandchildren. The oldest class represented was 1940 with the presence of Dr. Vince Schaefer for the weekend. Vince, as some of you may know, is President Emeritus of our Alumni Association. He was a mover and shaker that got this organization rolling in the 1980's. The football game was played in the rain and the Warriors struggled against Columbia Montour Vocational Tech. The final score was Columbia 48 – CLMI 7. The class year with the largest attendance was 1972 with 11 alumni present. The Class of 1954 receives an honorable mention with 9 alumni attending for their 50th Anniversary.

Homecoming 2005: The dates are Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th. As I re-write this in late March, the final arrangements for Homecoming are not quite complete, so I am not going to place a lot of details before you in this column. I will tell you that the Clarion Inn is no longer affiliated with the national chain. The hotel is now the Hotel Carlisle, and they are working very closely with us to plan this year's Homecoming activities. I will be mailing full information and registration packets to everyone who has attended Homecoming in the past few years. Those are planned to go out around the beginning of April. If you do not receive one by late April of this year and you are interested in attending, please call, write, or send me an email. I'll get one in the mail to you right away. I am going to place a bit of a theme on Homecoming 2005. That will be to "Bring a Classmate." We'd like to see those of you who regularly attend Homecoming find and bring along a classmate who hasn't been a regular attendee.

Association Emblem: During the business meeting in 2003 we adopted a new emblem or logo for our Association. It took a while to bring that logo into use, but it is now being used on many of our printed items and is proudly displayed on several items in our Alumni Store. It is the only emblem that the Alumni Association will use on any "official business" item. We will endeavor to add items to the store featuring this emblem, and we'll have a few other uses along the way as well. One other

note, the design and wording of the emblem was approved by a vote of the membership at the 2003 Annual Meeting, and except for adaptation to various mediums like print or embroidery, it should not be modified.

Lost Boys: When I took over the Treasurer's job in November, 2003 I learned that we have a number of Life Members of this Association with whom we have lost contact over the years. At that time, the list numbered about 50 names. The most common cause of lost contact is that someone moves and forgets to tell us their new address. But there are other issues, too, and we are working diligently to correct them as well. Using a variety of tools, but mostly Internet search capabilities, I've located over half of these "lost boys" and they are once again receiving our newsletters and in many cases, are in contact with their classmates. The remaining 19 names are proving extremely difficult to locate so I have decided to publish a list of their names here in the newsletter in the hope that some of you have current contact with them. If you know where one of these "lost boys" may be, please tell me what their new mailing address, phone number, and email address are so that I can initiate an update to the Association's records. In class year order, here are the names of the "lost boys": Larry Goldberg '60, Allen Poet '64, Edward Morris '66, Alan Schwartz '67, Mario Arteaga '78, Armon Cioppa '78, Thomas Reed '79, Larry Griffith '81, James Harrison, '85, Lee Howard '86, Richard Racicot '86, Christopher Cribbs '87, Johnny Mateo '87, Peter Curran '90, Rick Erwood '90, George Kirkpatrick '90, Martin Mbogho '90, David Wagner '90, and Thomas Garbrick '91. There are hundreds on non-members of the Association that are also listed as "no current address", and I work on finding them as I can, but my main focus remains on the membership of our Association. In future articles, I'll have lists of the missing in the Emeritus and Fightin' Fifty membership categories. There are no missing Annual Members as we have pretty regular contact with each of them by virtue of their annual membership renewals. One happy side note to this; several class years are fortunate to have someone who constantly maintains contact with as many classmates as possible. For example, Jack Diller '52 keeps a class roster and publishes an occasional newsletter just for his classmates. Rick Briggs '72 and Bill Reid '74 keep similar rosters and are always hunting for those few "lost boys" in their respective classes. All three of these "class contacts" have been very generous in sharing their information with me so that the Association's records are as current as possible for these class years. There are others as well.

Alumni Directory: Back in 1991, there was a printed directory of Carson Long Alumni published by a national corporation that specializes in that kind of thing. Many of you may still have your copies of that little blue book. Mine sits in a cubbyhole on my desk where I can reach it quickly and easily. It has been a valuable reference tool for me as it has for many others, but we have also

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detected a number of errors in that book. And, as we get further and further away from 1991, the number of changes and additions grows and grows. Recently, several alumni have suggested that is probably time to produce and offer a new directory and your new officers are in agreement with that suggestion. So, expect to see activity on that front throughout the year. Since the entire directory starts with our database of Carson Long Alumni, it is important that you keep your contact information with us current. At some point we will be reaching out to everyone to verify your information and to ask for new information similar to what was listed in the 1991 book. As you can guess, reducing our "lost boys" list now becomes even more important. I can also tell you that the new directory will almost certainly be made available to you in several formats thanks to current technologies. From our early discussions on this project, we envision a print version, a CD-ROM version, and if the demand is there, an Internet version that will be continuously updated. We haven't decided on a target date for availability yet. We expect that the cost will be very affordable as there will be no middleman publishing house involved, and we'll be concentrating on content instead of fancy packaging.

Membership: Our numbers continue to grow. Currently we have 74 Fightin' Fifty (1916-1945) members who are known to be living and have current addresses. (There are another 518 names in the database eligible for this membership category, but their status is unknown at this time.) Emeritus (1946-1954) Members number 44 at this time with another 114 eligible but listed as unknown. We have 76 Annual Members and 395 Life Members who are listed with valid addresses at this time. Plus there are the 19 "lost boys" Life Members mentioned above. That brings our current membership to about 590. We also have 23 Honorary Members. In June, we will add the Class of 2005 to our roster of members as the first Recent Graduate Members. They'll receive our newsletters and be listed for a period of five years. The hope is that many of them will see the advantages of full membership and step up to Annual or Life Membership. Remember that we now also add another graduating class to the Emeritus category each year as well. The graduates of 1955 join those ranks this coming June.

Recruiting: Each issue, we publish a membership form in this newsletter. That form is there for several reasons. First, Annual Members can use it to renew or extend their membership or to step up to Life Membership. Second, anyone can use that little form as a change of address. Just write that on the form before you mail it. Third, Life Members can pass the form to a classmate and invite him to join the Association. Please feel free to make as many copies of that form as you may need. Alternatively, I can send you a supply of the forms printed on card stock.

General Thoughts: We are dependent upon you to keep us notified of your current mailing address, telephone number, and email address so please

remember to include us in your change of address list when you move. Servicemen or those that have contact with them, please advise us if you are deployed into a combat zone. We've had several requests for listings of Carson Long boys who are in Iraq or Afghanistan, and we've not been able to fulfill those requests because we just don't know. We are dependent on you to tell us about these things. *(A late note: We just heard from Phil Crusey '87. He has once again been deployed to Iraq as of 3/21/05. He can be contacted at: philip.crusey@us.army.mil Yeah, we know, Phil's a Marine, but he arranged for this Army email address because of reliability issues from his previous address during his last deployment in Iraq.)*

And sadly, the same is also true of our deceased members. There is no way we can know about the passing of one of us unless someone tells us. I am certain that many of you want to know these things in a timely fashion. We have tried to make email notifications but that works only when we receive the information.

Please remember that we have many new officers this year, and that you should be contacting the new officers now whenever the need arises. Changes of contact information should be directed to our new Corresponding Secretary Don Byrne '62. Treasury, Alumni Store, and Membership issues should be directed to me as always. Our new President Don Kleintop '53 should be contacted for all general business matters. Social matters as well as our email list go to new Vice President Danny McGill '60. Our new Recording Secretary Glenn Lockwood '70 will have meeting minutes and other business issues on hand. Glenn is also temporary chairman of the new membership committee which is charged with finding ways to add even more Carson Long alumni to our membership. And our new Newsletter Editor Rick Briggs '72 will gladly accept your articles for each issue. The outgoing officers have spent many years in the service of this Association so now is their time to kick back and relax. During the Homecoming Banquet, we presented plaques and personalized sport shirts to outgoing President Bill Houck '54 and outgoing Corresponding Secretary Ed Edwards '50. Monty Scudder '50 received his service plaque at Homecoming 2003, but we added a sport shirt for him this year.

Committees: At the Annual Business Meeting on October 16th, 2004 we adopted new By-laws. They call for several major committees to be created to support the growing operations of our Alumni Association. They are Membership, Fund Raising, and Social. The Membership Committee is to be staffed by representatives from each decade of Class Years and will be temporarily chaired by Glenn Lockwood '70. Danny McGill '60, our new Vice President, oversees the Social Committee and is temporary chair of the Fund Raising Committee. I will sit on all three committees. Your participation is needed and necessary to help these committees fulfill their goals. It is critically important that more members be involved in the growth and support of our Alumni Association. These committees are an ideal

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way to get active and help improve our organization. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact President Don Kleintop '53, VP Danny McGill '60, Recording Secretary Glenn Lockwood '70, or Treasurer Steve Collins '66.

Another Late Note: Right around the time that the Winter 2005 issue of our newsletter went to press, we worked out permanent email addresses for your officers. They are:

Don Kleintop '53	president@carsonlongalumni.org
Danny McGill '60	vice_president@carsonlongalumni.org
Don Byrne '62	secretary@carsonlongalumni.org
Glenn Lockwood '70	rec_secretary@carsonlongalumni.org
Steve Collins '66	treasurer@carsonlongalumni.org
Danny McGill '60	email@carsonlongalumni.org
Rick Briggs '72	newsletter@carsonlongalumni.org

These email addresses will remain the same regardless of who fills the office or committee in the years ahead.

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Don Byrne Bio

Class of '62 and attended Carson Long for 4 years. Joined the Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis, was serving near the DMZ in Korea when JFK was assassinated, served in Vietnam and retired in Southwest Virginia 20 years later as a Master Sergeant. While stationed in Hawaii I attended and graduated from Chaminade College of Honolulu. Spent the next 16 years teaching computer programming and repair, and directing the computer services at Wytheville Community College. I am currently the Information Technology director for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. My wife, Pat, and I celebrated our 40th anniversary at the 2004 Homecoming. We live outside of Richmond, VA and have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 6 "granddogs". I have been a member of the Alumni Association since 1992. I am a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. I designed and maintain our Church website and the Homecoming and Current Picture pages on the Carson Long Institute Alumni website. I have served as both chairman and secretary for various organizations, including our church parish council. I am familiar with the needs and requirements of a secretarial position and hope to bring some new and innovative ideas to the association.

Gold Star Platoon Scholarship Fund

Back in 2002, this Alumni Association created the Gold Star Platoon Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor our fallen classmates and as way to give back to the school by extending a helping hand to one or more cadets each year. It was initially funded by a block of generous gifts from a relative handful of Carson Long alumni. With that money, the fund has been able to give out several awards during Commencement 2003 and 2004. We will be able to make a single award in 2005 with the remaining funds.

The fund is now in need of replenishment. Your new By-laws call for a fund raising committee to be created, and keeping this scholarship going is one of the primary purposes of this new committee. It will take time to recruit the members of this committee and then more time for them to create and initiate an action plan to fund and perpetuate this scholarship program.

That effort is just starting with this article, and we expect to form the committee up within a few weeks of publication of this information.

In the mean time, we make a direct appeal to you to begin to rebuild this fund now. Your generous gifts will help future Carson Long cadets to graduate and will continue to honor and memorialize our comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. Please make your check payable to: Carson Long Alumni Association, and send them to: Steve Collins '66, 9363 Ace Road, Hemlock NY 14466-9608.