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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We continue with our "Getting To Know You" project as we enjoyed a social get together with a Bengal Bash on December 4, 2005 at the Southgate Community Center. We had ten new faces at the event and we watched the Bengals win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. At this writing, it looks like the Bengals are scheduled for a repeat. The food was good and plentiful, the drinks were great, and we had an enjoyable time! In the future, we need everyone's support for these events to be meaningful to the organization's future. This was not a fund raising event but a social gathering. We scheduled an Alumni Nite at the NHS Basketball Game on December 8th but we were forced to cancel due to snow. We will try to reschedule the event later.

The Committee for the Annual Installation Dinner Dance is meeting to consider a change of sites in order to preserve the dignity and pride in the event that has been demonstrated in the past. Please offer your comments. Our Patron's Committee is being chaired by Jorine Peaslack Combs and our students rely on the fund's growth as well as the members wish to continue to expand our association. In the past, Mary Lou Schmidt has demonstrated a very successful effort with the fund and she has been dedicated to the Fund's continued success.

We invite you to the General Membership Meeting on Thursday February 16th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newport High School in the Library.

We offer our most sincere sympathy to the families, friends, and teachers of our NHS students Sunshine Richardson and Phillip Leslie.

Sincerely,

Marlene Wilmot Gerding, 56
President

MEMBERSHIP

Have you paid your 2006 dues? Checking the mailing label on the Newsletter will tell you if you are paid up. If your dues are not paid you will not receive a Newsletter. For only \$5.00 per year, you can see what's going on in your class.

PATRONS FUND

We all want to express our thanks to Mary Lou Schmidt, Class of 1942, for the tremendous job she has done over the years as Chairperson of the Patrons Fund. With Mary Lou's guidance and your continued generous support, we will continue the Patrons Fund to benefit the students of NHS.

Letters will be sent out in June requesting donations to the Patrons Fund. If you would prefer to send your donation sooner, please make check payable to NHSA&A, Inc. and mail to Jorine Combs, 126 Van Voast Avenue, Bellevue, KY 41073.

Jorine Peaslack Combs, Class of 1956

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Come join us for a NIGHT AT THE RACES on February 4, 2006 from 8 to midnight at the Southgate Vets. Cost is \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. The Night at the Races is sponsored by the After Prom Party Committee. This event helps pay for after school prom party held in the Newport High Gym. For more information, call Cindy Kohrs at 859-781-4449.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI WEB SITE

Our sincere appreciation to Jerry King, class of 1953, for all his hard work keeping up a wonderful web site. Now it is our turn to help Jerry. The database of Newport High School Alumni with e-mail capability has approximately 500 members of these about 20% (almost 100) are not working. This in turn floods Jerry's mailbox with error messages. We can help Jerry greatly by sending him an e-mail message at NHS_Alumni@Mac.com with any changes in our e-mail addresses. If you haven't received a message recently, your e-mail address in the database is probably wrong. In addition we can help him further by locating classmates, friends and associates, that have fallen from the "known" e-mail community. Please visit the following web site <http://tinyurl.com/2qysx> and click on "Their e-mail doesn't work any more! Help locate Alumni" link. For the most recent set of bad

addresses go to <http://tinyurl.com/87ohl>. For long standing bad e-mail addresses go to <http://tinyurl.com/aemo7>. Thanks again for all your hard work, Jerry.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are in need of class representatives for the following years: 1934, 1957, 1959, 1973, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, and 2005. Please think about becoming a volunteer for your class. Keep in touch with your former class mates can be quite rewarding.

YOUR CLASS REPS NEED TO REPORT

To provide the information our readers want to know, our Class Reps need to provide the information to the editor. Many people inquire why they have no news from their class? The only answer I can give, "If you give me news, I will try to include it in the Newsletter." Most grads not only want to be informed of deceased classmates, but also would like to hear from classmates including information of people they do not often see. Shut-ins would appreciate learning of your health, travel, and other items of interest concerning their classmates. A card or phone call is always a welcome treat. If you have any information you would like to share with your class or friends, contact me direct: Stella Bowen, 18 Arbor Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076 or phone 859-781-5424. My e-mail address is SBowen0018@aol.com. My thanks to all the representatives who provided class information for this publication.

FOOTBALL AND MARCHING BAND

The editor wishes to apologize to other dedicated students who were both band members and football players. Darlene Brady Knepshield, Class of 1960 was kind enough to furnish me with the following information: Kevin Hitchcock and Aaron Marsee were both band members in the Class of 2000 as well as D. J. Smith in classes of 2002 and 2003. Also Sally Daines Boeing Class of 1960 was cheerleader and also played in the band.

Newsletter information was taken from a newspaper article. I am sorry for any confusion I may have caused in this matter. If anyone else would like his or her name published, please let me know my E-mail address is SBowen0018@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1956 – 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1956 will hold its 50th Reunion the weekend of May 19th, 20th, & 21st. A full weekend of activities is planned as the class celebrates the golden anniversary of its high school graduation. On Friday morning, there will be an 18-hole golf scramble as well as a trip to the Argosy Casino. Friday evening will find the group socializing at the Riverside Marina in Dayton. The activities continue on Saturday with lunch at River Downs, where a race will be named in the class's honor. Saturday evening is the main event, with a sit-down dinner at the Cold Spring Roadhouse. The Reunion will conclude on Sunday with a brunch boat ride on the Ohio River. Detailed information was sent to all classmates the first week in January. Reservations deadline is March 1st. For additional information, contact Roberta Caudill Jones at 859-586-9280 or Bob Wilson at 859-441-2660.

A TASTE OF REALITY

How to balance their budget for one month, assuming that they had at least one child and a profession? The freshmen class once again participated in a glimpse of life after high school courtesy of the Reality Store. This year 211 students participated and they assumed their age to be 26 for the exercise. They were encouraged to save at least 10% of their salary. The exercise consisted of 14 booths run by volunteers from local business and organizations. This event was sponsored by the school and the Campbell Extension Service. As you can imagine they got quite a shock of the real world trying to juggle the utilities, housing, food, transportation and entertainment costs. The students who left the Reality Store in the black were awarded Payday candy bars. The students who left in the red were awarded Zero candy bars.

NAMES ON FILE WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All names and addresses on file are for Alumni Association use only, except Class Reunion Chairpersons and/or Designated Class Representative may have a copy of their respective classes. The Association does not authorize anyone to solicit class membership lists from other persons. If you choose to register your e-mail address with Jerry King, this is encouraged and Jerry is doing a fine job maintaining the directory. No web site is authorized to use the name "Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc." except

our own web site. This is the name incorporated in the State of Kentucky and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit, charitable organization with a 501(c)(3) classification.

CLASSES OF THE 50'5 COMBINED REUNION

The dates are definite – August 4, 5 and 6, 2006. Mark your calendars and start making your plans!!!! Bob Scott is planning a golf outing for Friday morning or afternoon and in the evening we are all heading for Moonlight Gardens. Saturday we will have a tour of the old and new high school buildings for anyone interested and in the evening a dinner-dance at the Drawbridge. We will have a block of rooms available at the Drawbridge for a very good rate. On Sunday, we are planning a luncheon cruise on the river. We will be sending out a letter with complete details, prices and a reservation form within the next couple of months. The combined reunions in the past have been great get-togethers and with your attendance, this one will be the best!!! Keep those dates available.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2006

