



The ALUMNUS

MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

2007 PANTHERAMA A Success

Everyone who attended the 3rd annual Pantherama seemed to have a good time, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony was the best ever, the music and performances were great, the food was fantastic, the music and student performances were enjoyable, and we made money. What more could one want?

Well, our attendance was about the same as last year, which is not bad, but we had hoped for a significant increase.

The Executive Board is seeking ways of increasing attendance at the big event next spring, and invites your comments and suggestions along these lines. (P.O. Box 66158, Mobile, AL 36660 and kellercc2@comcast.net await your input.

One suggestion that has been made is for anniversary classes to schedule their reunions on the same weekend as the Pantherama, and include the Sunday afternoon Hall of Fame Ceremonies and buffet as the final events of their reunion.

Frances Sibley Receives Special Service Award

In addition to the six persons installed in this year's Hall of Fame awards ceremony (named in Jan. *Alumnus*), the HOF Committee awarded a Special Lifetime of Service Award to Frances Akers Sibley '59, who for many years has been a hardworking, resourceful, and always pleasant liaison for alumni planning reunions or wanting to line up campus tours at Murphy. She is Murphy's number one booster and a storehouse of MHS information.

This is only the second such award that the Alumni Association has made since the beginning of the Hall of Fame awards in 2001. Congratulations, Frances!

2007 Curtis Williams Scholarship Awarded to Jamarkus Williams

Graduating MHS Senior Jamarkus Williams has been awarded this year's scholarship grant from the Curtis Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the Murphy Alumni Association, Inc. Jamarkus Williams was an excellent student at Murphy, outstanding in both academics and extra curricular activities, including being Vice President of the Senior Class. He plans to attend the University of Alabama in Birmingham, majoring in biotechnical engineering.

The scholarship is in honor of the late astronaut and 1949 MHS graduate Major Curtis Williams. It was founded by his widow, Beth Williams, on the occasion of his posthumous induction into the Murphy Hall of Fame in 2003. Contributions into the fund by alumni and others are welcome.

The Harris Publishing Company and the Murphy Alumni Association are in the process of preparing a new, updated Murphy Alumni Directory (last done in 2004). The directory is an income producer for the association, and a useful reference for many purposes. Please respond to the requests you receive for updating your data, regardless of whether you plan to buy a book. Thanks!



CLASS EVENTS

Class of '47

The next bi-monthly meeting of the class of 1947 will be Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at the Fire Mountain Grill in Tillman's Corner. For further information call Ina Shaw at 251-414-1418 or e-mail Dick Allen at dickallen63@comcast.net.

Class of '55

The next quarterly get-together of the '55 class will be a luncheon at the Spot of Tea on Dauphin Street beginning at 11:30 on July 14, 2007. The contact persons are Iris Anderson at 251-479-3510 or irislanderson@bellsouth.net and Earl Thompson at 251-639-9524 or olebea@bellsouth.net.

Class of '67

Your 40th reunion has been set for the weekend of Oct. 26-27, 2007. Friday there will be a party at a class member's home with the Saturday evening event scheduled for the Bienville Club atop the AmSouth building downtown. Saturday morning will be on campus so alumni can view the big bronze panther and the historic Carlen House, which the Murphy Alumni Assn., Inc., is trying to obtain. The exact cost of the reunion has not as yet been determined, but those able to do so are being asked to send \$75-\$100. Checks should be payable to the Murphy '67 Reunion Committee, and mailed to 116 S. Georgia Avenue, Mobile, AL 36604. Any overage will be used for the benefit of our Alma Mater. Questions? bettiechampion@comcast.net.

Class of '77

This class is planning its 30th reunion, and urges class members to e-mail Murphyhigh1977@yahoo.com or call Melanie Craig (504) 473-7786 or Adrian Fox (251)433-8260 for more information..

Class of '57 had a good Idea!

At its 50th Class Reunion this spring, the Class of 1957 voted to contribute \$3,000 from its reunion surplus funds to the association in return for free one-year alumni association memberships for all class members who attended the reunion. Any excess funds over the cost of the one-year memberships were to be an unrestricted donation to Murphy Alumni Association, Inc., for the benefit of the school. What a good idea – thanks Class of 1957!

The same deal is available to any other interested reunion classes!

The main source of Alumni Assn. funds is dues, with 64% of our income produced by that source. 69% of our expenditures are for projects and organizations that directly impact the school, with practically all of the rest being used for fund raising expenses. We have neither paid employees nor rented office space. More detailed financial info will appear next issue.

Murphy Alumni Association, Inc. Executive Officers - Bettie Champion '67, President; Chuck McNeil '67, First Vice President; Wanda Griffis '64, Second Vice President; Ellie Foster '64, Secretary; Sharon Poggi '67, Treasurer. **Standing Committee Chairs** - Anne Inge '51, Historian; Martha LeGros '64, Membership; Clarence Keller '48, Newsletter; Leah Davis '02, Public Relations; Mike McNair '70, Ways & Means; Brenda Boteler '68, Immediate Past President. **Advisory Committee Chairs** - E. Fred Cody '57, Finance; Matt Miller '02 and Mary Lane Carleton '93, Webmaster Management.

Don't Wait to Nominate qualified alumni and friends for induction into the MHS Hall of Fame. Get nomination forms from our web site www.murphyalumni.com or request one by calling 251-478-0738 or e-mailing kellercc2@comcast.net. Don't delay..act today.

Murphy Alumni Association, Inc., Membership Application/Renewal/Gift Transmittal

Name _____ Class of _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

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PANTHER LEVEL Receives Newsletter _____ \$15 Individual _____ \$25 Couple

BLUE LEVEL Receives Newsletter and MHS Certificate _____ \$50 Individual

GOLD LEVEL Receives Newsletter and MHS Alumni Lapel Pin _____ \$100 Individual

TOWER LEVEL Receives Newsletter and 1 Memorial Brick _____ \$250 Individual

_____ I wish to order B. SUMRALL Print. My \$50.00 check is enclosed. (Shipping included.)

_____ I wish to order MEMORIAL BRICK. My \$45 or \$50 check is enclosed.*

_____ I wish to order AUDITORIUM SEAT plaque. My \$100 check is enclosed.*

_____ I wish to send a gift membership to the person named above.

_____ I wish to make a contribution to:

_____ Curtis Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund

_____ Campus Fountain Restoration Fund

_____ Unrestricted or Other _____

***Forms for bricks or seat inscriptions will be sent to the above address.**

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