

**PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION**

**SPECIAL PRE-REUNION  
NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2008**

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF**

**INTEREST**

- **2008 Phillips/Bricks Alumni Reunion - Make Plans NOW to Attend**
- **Scholarship Fundraiser - Raffle Tickets On Sale NOW**
- **Ingathering of Books for Phillips Middle School**
- **Update on Phillips Middle School Building**

**REMEMBER THESE**

**DEADLINES**

**ALUMNI FEES AND REGISTRATION**

**DUE MAY 1, 2008**

**ADS FOR SOUVENIRE BOOKLET**

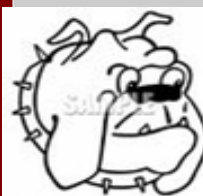
**DUE APRIL 30, 2008**

**RAFFLE**

**TICKETS ON SALE THRU MAY 24, 2008 - DRAWING AT BANQUET**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Class 1958 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary Reunion Weekend 2008. In celebration, they will have breakfast together on Saturday morning, May 24, 2008. Details of place and time will be sent to class members.**



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**NEWSLETTER 2008**

## 2008 Phillips/Bricks Alumni Reunion

### May 23-25, 2008

Greetings to alumni, family, graduates and friends of Phillips High and Bricks Schools. It is time once again to join in the celebration of our schools' history and the friendships of fellow schoolmates and classmates at our annual reunion, May 23-25, 2008. The festivities will begin on Friday night at 6:00 pm with a "pig picking" on the campus of Phillips Middle School (formerly Phillips High School). The activities for Friday include, games, entertainment, door prizes and great food. The celebration continues on Saturday, May 24 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center with a banquet, program, scholarship presentations, door prizes and raffles. On Sunday, May 26, reunion participants have been invited to join in worship at, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilson, NC, with alumni member from PHS Class of 1956, AP Coleman. The all inclusive reunion fee is only \$60 for alumni, friends and guest. Let us all support our Alumni Association and keep alive the memory and history of our "Dear Phillips High School" and Bricks School.



### "B' SOMEBODY"

## Get Your Raffle Tickets for the Special Reunion Prizes

Alumni members AP Coleman and Helen Hines have worked very hard to obtain two great prizes for this years raffle to be held at the banquet, May 24, 2007. First there will be a drawing for a gift card to Wal-Mart for \$250. Next, 4 Firestone tires valued at over \$400 will be offered to some lucky winner. The raffle tickets are only \$1 each. The money raised from this raffle will benefit the scholarship fund. Last year the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association awarded two \$1000 scholarships to area high school students and one \$100 savings bond to a middle school student at Phillips Middle School. You may request your raffle tickets by contacting Waldo Powell, President of the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association at:

*Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association  
Post Office Box 2601  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
Or at email PBAA at: [phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com)*

Send Check or MO made payable to Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association for the number of tickets you wish to buy. Your name will be placed in the drawing. Remember, you do not need to be present to win.

## PHILLIPS SET FOR RENOVATIONS

(Excerpt from Rocky Mount Evening Telegram)

By Carolyn Casey  
Rocky Mount Telegram

Monday, March 17, 2008

The last of Edgecombe County Public Schools' 2004 bond money will be used to start renovations at Phillips Middle School in coming weeks.

The front building of the school, which was built in 1949, hasn't seen any major renovations in the last 59 years. Plans involve gutting the inside of the building, expanding the media center, adding a multipurpose room and making more storage and administrative space.

Principal William Etheridge said the renovations will be more conducive for the school's needs.

The staff and 200 students use the nonair-conditioned gymnasium for school events, but DKWA Architects' plans call for an air-conditioned multipurpose room. A nurse's office will be added and guidance counselors will receive a larger area.

"Hopefully, it will just update the building," said Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management Services Dr. Lana VanderLinden.

Construction on the building is expected to start in the next month. The Edgecombe County Board of Education approved a \$1.36 million contract with Rocky Mount's Turn-Key Contractors, and the school district will start renovations as soon as a building permit is secured from the county.

Edgecombe County Public Schools will fund the project through three sources. An estimated 55 percent of the project will be paid with bond money, 40 percent with lottery money and 5 percent will come from the district's capital outlay fund.

Upgrades to furniture likely will bring the renovations to about \$1.5 million, VanderLinden said.

Only West Edgecombe School remains untouched from the original list of schools expected to be renovated with the \$12.8 million school bond referendum – \$3.5 million of which went to Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools for serving Edgecombe County students in the city. School officials cited rising gas and construction prices as the reason for costs getting ahead of them.

VanderLinden said the school district and the board remain committed to the West Edgecombe project.

For seven months, however, administrators will be concentrated on Phillips, where space is tight because the school had to vacate the front building during the construction.

"We're very excited about this opportunity for this building to be renovated," Etheridge said. "Hopefully, this will just be phase one because our classrooms need renovating, too."

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Please send any news for the May 2008 Newsletter to :

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Or email at: [phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com)



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Alumni, Family and Friends of Phillips/Bricks Alumni

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Student Interests Include:  
Sports  
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Scary Stories, Famous People

PLEASE HELP THE CHILDREN OF PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL BY  
GIVING A LASTING GIFT TO  
THE LIBRARY

WE WILL BE COLLECTING BOOKS (NEW OR LIKE NEW ) FOR GRADES 6-8 IN THE CATEGORIES LISTED ABOVE AT OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL REUNION IN MAY 2008. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO REUNION EVENTS FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE WELCOMED. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY. MONEY COLLECTED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL BOOKS.

WE ALL KNOW THAT READING IS A MAJOR KEY TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL.

THIS IS A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO REMEMBER THE HISTORY OF PHILLIPS AND BRICKS.

## FALLEN PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI in 2008



### Class of 1971

Carolyn Deloris-Ann Whitehead Ransome, 55, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008. Carolyn was a member of the Class of 1971.

### Class of 1965

Louis "Dink" Lawrence, age 60, of Tarboro, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008. Lewis was a Phillips graduate from the Class of 1965. Those of you who remember Lewis might remember his bright smile and positive attitude even as student who was physically challenged. Having had polio as a child, Lewis was admired by many for his determination. He rode the bus that traveled along highway 44 from Tarboro through Leggett. Lewis was so cheerful and positive and brought many smiles to his fellow students.

### Class of 1958

We remember and celebrate the lives of fellow alumni from the Class of 1958 who went home to be with the Lord this year:

Isaac "Butch" Rogers  
Shirley Pierce Miller  
Marjorie Graham

### Class of 1969

Wallace "Doc" Beaufort, Phillips High School Class of 1969, passed away on November 29, 2007.

*"Gone, But Not Forgotten"*