

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – April 2008

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Remember if you want contact information for any classmates contact Dan O'Sullivan at

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or by phone at 717-766-0621.

Just a Dozen More Contributors to Stay on Founders Steps – Received this update from Rich Morgan on the Class' status regarding the contributions to the Juniata Scholarship Fund.

“As of the end of March, our class has contributed at a level of 43% to the Scholarship Fund. 65 of the potential of 151 members have made contributions. We need 26 more to contribute to make the class goal of 60% and **only 11 or 12 to keep our mark on Founder's stairs**. We can do it, but time is running short for the fiscal year ends on May 31. We must and we will meet our goals as a class. Thanks to all who have already made their contributions to the Juniata Scholarship Fund.”

Come on gang – any level of contribution counts – staying on the Founders steps depends on number of contributors from the class not the amount of money contributed. Let support Bill Chew and Rich Morgan, in this their first year, serving Juniata and our class as our *NEW* Co-Class Fund Agents.

Contact Information Validation – As we approach our 45th Reunion in June 2009, it is important we have current contact information for all classmates. This will ensure they receive reunion info in a timely manner and the information will be used for a class roster to be distributed to classmates at the reunion.

Dan O'Sullivan will be conducting survey of all classmates in April, May and June to validate your contact information. Please help by responding to the inquiry from Dan in a timely manner. THANKS!

ATTENTION – Professors and Public Speakers – We are already making plans for our reunion in 2009. Traditionally returning alumni present classes as part of Alumni College on Reunion Weekend. At our 40th Reunion Ron Smelser and John Reeves both made great presentations. NOW we are looking for members of the class that are interested in presenting a class at our 45th Reunion. Classes are coordinated with the Alumni Office and open to all returning alumni and their guests. Please let Dan O'Sullivan know if you are interested in presiding over a one-hour class – send him your name and the subject of your class. Dan will forward the information to the College Representative that coordinates these presentations and she will contact you. Send you offer to participate by email to SOSulli177@aol.com or by postal mail to 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 or by phone to 717-766-0621. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE!

Memories Now Being Shared –

Carol Banse-Doyon recalled good memories of her years in Oneida Hall when she wrote – “A very nice (newsletter), which brings back memories. As a counselor to the freshmen women (the job paid for my room), I lived in Oneida for all four college years, under the direction of Dean Yohe. Carol Brinton Ashworth can relate a lot of funny tales about our years there. She gave up the opportunity to live in Leshner, the Upper Class dorm, in order to room with me - a big sacrifice on her part. But we did have a wonderful rapport with the freshmen and lots of fun.”

Editor's Note: I encouraged her, and Carol Brinton Ashworth, to pass some of the memories on to us.

Sarabeth Hoffman Watson added these great memories – “Somehow I missed the request for Founders Hall memories here are a few:

Nancy Graybill Becker and I had one of the ‘small’ rooms in Founders our first year. Seems like there was barely enough room for two people to stand and move past each other in spite of the bunk beds. It was there we first experienced the phenomenon of ‘striping it’! We must have elected to do our own laundry with just one set of sheets! It was that year that we decided that two or four roommates could work but three were not a good combination. I loved the old dark woodwork, the wooden floors and the lovely curved stairway.

The second year Nancy and I roomed together again in a much more commodious space: the room above the President's Office. On occasion, especially after I had jumped down off the top bunk too often, President Ellis’ secretary would call up on the hall phone; we would be paged and the message would be to keep the noise down up there! We did our laundry in the cavernous cellars of Brumbaugh, I think. Those of us who tried to save our dimes hung our laundry up to dry on the long lines put up in one of the dungeon like rooms!

I also remember working in the alumni office which I think was in the basement of Founder's Hall somewhere. I did something with little metal pins to help keep records up to date.

The third year Nancy went to Germany to study and so I ended up in a large room (originally a triple) in Brumbaugh with Mary Alice Moore Shirk. We rattled around in there with all kinds of space and were right across from the bathrooms. The tall stretch of windows in that room were a challenge to get curtains/drapes for. We made ours, as I remember, with the drape material matching our bedspreads. We must have had to buy a whole bolt of cloth! The sound I remember the most from that hall was the shouts of ‘Man in the hall!’

As (Dan) said, dinner was a dress up affair (nylons for the girls, yuk!) family style in Oneida. What I remember from that experience was not being able to leave the table until everyone was finished eating. I have always blamed my fast eating on the fact that if we girls were not finished by the time the guys were ready to go, they would sit staring

at us until our plates were empty or we said we were done...which sometimes meant missing dessert! (I use that very convenient excuse to this day!)

These are a few of my memories of that time. It was a special pleasure to get to go into Founder's Hall on our last Reunion even if we couldn't get upstairs anymore.

Moving Toward “Full” Retirement – Fred Lytle sent this update – “I had lunch with Erik Evans (Director of Development) last Friday. We got a chance to talk about Juniata. There was an alumni gathering that night at Eric Jensen's house (much younger than us!), but I couldn't make it. Anyway, please change my e-mail to flytle43@gmail.com. Joyce and I are retiring from Purdue in May and have moved to Zionsville, IN. This will force me to abandon the Internet Provider e-mail service I currently have. I have already alerted the Alumni Office of the changes (including street address). Although leaving Purdue after 40 years (or as I like to tell the students, 80 semesters), I have accepted a job with a software startup, Indigo BioSystems. I develop numeric algorithms for data processing and then convert them into C# computer code. The software product is aimed toward data processing for pharmaceutical companies. I plan on working three days a week as a transition to full retirement in about five years.”

Interesting Idea – Received this interesting idea from Jeff Varnes. Jeff is the Red Cross, Chief Executive Officer for Southern Nevada with his office in Las Vegas, NV. Jeff asked – “Did you ever consider having a class event in Las Vegas? Las Vegas is a great jumping off point for the West. Individuals and families might want to use as part of a vacation.” I offered to help publicize an event if he would do the ground work in the Las Vegas area. I also pointed out that the Alumni staff would possibly be interested in an event in Las Vegas for all Juniatians. What do you think – would you be interested in a Class or Juniata event in Las Vegas? Let me know by email to SOSulli177@aol.com

Class of 1964 45th Reunion – Jeff Varnes reminded me it is not too early to put the Class of 1964 Reunion dates on your calendar when he asked – “What is the date for 2009. I should get it on my calendar now.” Class of 1964's 45th Reunion is Thursday, June 11 through Sunday, June 14, 2009. Hopefully we can have more than 50 classmates return for at least part of the celebration. Your steering committee will start planning the reunion in June 2008 – if you want help with the planning or have any ideas to be considered let Dan O'Sullivan know at SOSulli177@aol.com or by phone at 717-766-0621.

Cat Sitting Again – Sheila O'Sullivan, wife of Dan O'Sullivan, is off to another cat sitting assignment this summer. You may recall that last summer she cat sat in Helena, MT for six weeks while the homeowner went to Chicago for her daughter's wedding. This time she is off to Tempe, AZ to care for five cats. The owners, a couple fellows, are off to England. One of the fellows is a college professor and is going to teach at a university in England for the summer. There is an interesting story associated with the cats. Their owners were living in New Orleans when Katrina hit. They escaped the city with two of the cats, but unfortunately had to leave the three feral cats behind with a

stock of food. They were not able to get back in their New Orleans home for much longer than they had anticipated and after a month returned to check it out and look for the three cats left behind. To their surprise the cats survived, so with some effort they were able to cage the cats and take them to join the other two. After staying in a couple locations the fellows settled in Tempe, AZ. Sheila will be cat sitting the full month of July and half of August. It should be an enjoyable time with a chance to explore that part of the country. All she has to do is care for the cats – there is a pool company that tends to the pool and a yard service taking care of the yard. Dan may join her part of the time (Thus there may be a newsletter or two that do not get published.) Dan hopes to visit Class of 1964 classmate Susan Woods Kopala while in the area – Susan lives near by in Phoenix, AZ.

Renovation of Founders – During my March 14th visit to campus I took some pictures of the progress of the Renovation of Founders. The pictures have been put into two collages and sent to Bill Chew for posting on the web site. They have surrounded the building with fencing to prevent you from getting too close. Windows are being taken out, trees around the building have been removed and the building is starting to look like a disaster zone! You still can walk up on the porch and peer into the window of the President's Office space and what was the Registrar's Office circa 1964. The inside has been gutted back to the wall studs at this point in time. On the President's Office side you can see all the way across the building and on the Registrar's side you can see through to the gutted Chapel area. It is really an exciting process to watch. If you want more info on the renovation of Founders go to the following web site - <http://www.juniata.edu/gifts/founders/index.html>

A Campus Visit – Bill Chew provides this accounting of a recent visit to Juniata where his son Casey is a Junior – “I walked all around the project Saturday. The Choir was awesome and we had a couple beers at Mimi's. Then my stepson who went with me went back to the Huntingdon Motor Inn (all Day's Inn calls are forwarded to them now) and I thought I would show him Kelly's down the hill. Well, they were closed up – Saturday night, 11:00! So we went to Boxers for a bit. (My two sons were back on campus romping around after Mimi's) Boxers is where they hook up again this Friday night for their band gig – I may try to make that too.

Chief Flat Feather Takes to the Foothills – Judy Carleton Barnett and her family – husband Chuck, older son Greg and his wife Peggy and younger son Gary – took the Chief to enjoy a property owned jointly by the "younger" generation: 20 acres of undeveloped land in the foothills of northern California. Judy said: “(It's) a wonderful place for a getaway, and we were there getting away from the rigors of retirement. Life is good!” Rumor is the Chief is headed back to the southeast for a visit with another Classmate.

Rehoboth Beach Retreat – We (Sheila and Dan O'Sullivan) enjoy a week-long retreat to Rehoboth Beach, DE Easter week. It was a great chance to relax, celebrate Sheila's official entry into “old age” as a Social Security/Medicare recipient, and to visit her

“little” brother Tim, who is a professional waiter at a five star restaurant – Victoria’s in the Boardwalk Hotel on the north end Rehoboth Beach boardwalk.

We stayed in a studio condo on the top – eight floor – of the Star of the Sea condos located right on the boardwalk. What a view of the ocean, beach and beautiful sunrises. We had wonderful weather. A couple days the beach was pretty full of other enjoying the sunshine and even some – mostly kids – wadding in the water.

Got to spend a lot of time with Tim, his companion and her children. Ate many meals at the condo but did go out a couple times and for drinks at night. Did not make it to Victoria’s for dinner this time, but if you are ever in the area and want a special night out go to the Victoria’s and ask to be serve by Tim Temple. Not cheap, but the food and environment is wonderful and a great setting for a special occasion. For a more casual meal I suggest Fins and for a neat bar environment try Dog Fish – both on the upper end of Rehoboth Beach Blvd.

We also did some excursion – to Milton to stroll the quaint town, to a small town west of Ocean City for some great antique shopping and to Lewes to visit the Lewes Museum.

I have sent Bill Chew a collage of pictures for the web site.

A Full Week of Juniata Activities – I (Dan O’Sullivan) recently had a full week of Juniata activities.

It started on Sunday, March 30th with **Shadow Program**. Annually Juniata College sponsors a job shadow program in Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg on the same day in March. Juniata Alumni and Parents host students in their home for the evening and at the work site for a day. This year Sheila and I hosted a student – Chris Ree ’08 as their houseguest Sunday evening. After breakfast at my home Monday morning, Chris went to work with, and shadowed, Scott Temple ’94, President of Jacobson Warehouse Company, Camp Hill, PA.

The program begins with a reception for hosts and students, after the reception the house host (who often is also the work site host) take the student home for the evening. We went to Olive Garden for dinner. And, in the morning the student goes to the work site to shadow the work site host.

Chris is a very interesting student – has lived and traveled in many countries. In addition to receiving a BS degree from Juniata in June, he will receive an advance degree from a German institution as a result of work he did during his year abroad and correspondence work this year – still working on the thesis.

If any of you that live in any of these four cities can provide a work shadow experience for a student or are willing to host a student in your home I strongly encourage you to participate next year. Watch the alumni web site for details. And, everyone is invited to the reception even if you are not a host. It is a great opportunity to meet some outstanding Juniatiens.

I have sent Bill Chew a picture of Chris, Scott and myself for the web site.

On Wednesday, we left for two days in Huntingdon. I had to do some final coordination with the Admission Office for Senior Salute and got a chance to talk to Evelyn Pembroke, Administrative Assistant in the Alumni Office. Classes are already starting to work on planning the 2009 reunions. **I arranged for us to again have the TNT (Tussey and Terrace) lounge and patio for our reunion events in June 2009.** It worked really well in 2004 and is one of the few venues that can handle a large turn out – and OFCOURSE WE WILL HAVE A LARGE TURN OUT – RIGHT!!!

After staying at the Comfort Inn Wednesday night, I went to campus to represent the Admission Office and promote the JAA (Juniata Admission Ambassadors) program at Senior Salute. Senior Salute is a one day affair (10-7) that allows the seniors to accomplish many graduation requirements in one place at one time. There are stations where they can check out with the registrar, make final arrangements on loans, vote for a senior gift, taking a senior pledge – this year the pledge is to give \$5 to Juniata next year and \$10 the year after that. They hope to be the first class to have a 100% contribution rate! They also get information on Alumni activities including the e-mail NewsGroup, licence plates for PA and MD, Fall Happy Hour aimed at recent graduates and the My Juniata web program. Hey they do a lot at this event – only have through. They can check out with career services and be eligible for a Juniata Captians Chair if they have place there resume on line through career services, buy invitation to graduation, buy rings, buy videos of graduation, and at the last stop pick up their caps and gowns – graduation is May 10th. Oh, yes – I also get a chance to explain how alumni help recruit the best and brightest students for Juniata as part of the JAA team – over 150 seniors indicated an initial interest in the JAA program. If you want to help and be a JAA let me know – we old folks can do it too!!!

When the Senior Salute ended I did a quick change and Sheila and I went to the final Juniata Presents presentation of the school year - The Paul Taylor Dancers. I had the typical macho stereotype opinion of “oh boring!” BOY WAS I WRONG – the dance group is fantastic – modern dance with some mini in one of the numbers. I can not say how much I enjoyed the performance. If you ever get a chance to see them dance – do so, you will not be sorry – even if you are like me and can not imagine yourself enjoying a dance program!

Of course a visit to Mimi’s was in order after the show and then back to the Comfort in for a night’s rest after a full day. On Friday we had to hurry back to Mechanicsburg so I could get ready to do a JAA display at a local church where the Juniata College Choir was performing. Once that performance and social to follow was over it was finally time to take a couple day to rest and recuperate from all this Juniata activity – but I enjoyed every minute of it.

A Special Message from Minnesota – Sarabeth Hoffman Watson sends this note –

A friend sent this poem, only a slight exaggeration! We had another snow/rain/snow/sleet storm yesterday (March 31, 2008). We've had March winds and April showers but I'm beginning to despair of May flowers!

Winter In Minnesota

It's winter in Minnesota
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At twenty-five below.
Oh, how I love Minnesota
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And your nose gets frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Minnesota
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground.

Have a great day!

Classmate Dealing with Family Medical Situation – Please put Bill Chew and Jess in your prayers and thoughts. Here is an up date on his current situation.

Monday, 31 March noon-ish

So, an interesting weekend for Jess and all here in PA. Jesse has had a couple episodes during the last week where he feels a head pain coming on and then it passes. He was planning to get it checked out but that was kind of forced Saturday night when his friends in West Chester (who he warned about this condition if it should occur again) took him to Chester Co. Hospital and they in turn sent him to Temple (in a medivac helicopter) for more tests and check up by an around the clock nuero doc.

At this point all tests are about done and the doc will be able to tell us what's next. There is evidence of some kind of vessel cluster behind and above the right eye that will need some correction. I'm heading up now to join Melba, Marty and Casey there now. I'll send a follow-up note later. He is otherwise wonderfully healthy so keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Monday evening

Well after all the tests with no alarming indicators there seems only to be the next step of removing this obstacle. The surgeon spoke with us all for a while and Jess has a lot of confidence in his recommendation. They will do a quick lab check on a small extraction but most likely will not learn much from that so the nominal plan is to remove the mass and do extensive lab work that can take days. He is scheduled tomorrow morning for a surgery that could be 3 to 8 hours just so we all are prepared for the tedium involved.

And recovery a few days more there at Temple. Jess is in very spirits and surrounded near and far by lots of love. I'll update you further tomorrow evening.

Tuesday afternoon

Just heard that Jess is in recovery and the operation went well ! Ry and Joann came in from Reno so there is lot's of support for him now during recovery. I'm leaving soon to join them all. Very encouraging initial report back from the surgeon. We'll have to wait for the lab work to know more about why/what/etc. More later !

Wednesday afternoon

Casey says he's doing better than yesterday! It is downright miraculous! Thanks for your prayers and caring!

Now, Thursday, he had a follow-up MIR last night, still no info about the tumor but Jesse is recuperating well.

I'll keep you updated as we learn more. Be well!

Editor's Note: No more word since Thursday, April 3, 2008.

Class of 1964 50th Reunion Fund – We are in our fourth year of the ten year fund drive program with \$21,338.27 balance in the account. Our Goal for June 1, 2009 is \$25,600 so we are a little behind the planned pace. Remember a contribution to this fund counts for the class to stay on the Founders' Steps. See note at end on this newsletter regarding making a contribution to our fund drives.

Thanks for Input – Thanks to the following for input for this newsletter – Carol Banes-Doyon, Jeff Varnes, Fred Lytle, Jeff Varnes, Sarabeth Hoffman Watson, Bill Chew, Judy Carleton Barnett, Bill Chew

Please Remember to Support the Class Fund Drives

Send your contributions to Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.
Make check payable to Juniata College and identify your desired use in the memo section.

Write "Class of 1964 50th Reunion Gift Fund" in the memo section if you intend the money to go toward the \$64,000 goal for a gift to be given to the College in 2014.

Write "Juniata Scholarship Fund" in the memo section if you intend the money to be use next year for scholarships.

Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive and Rich Morgan and Bill Chew, Co-Class Fund Agent for the Juniata Scholarship Fund thank you for your support.