

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – May 2008

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Unsolicited Endorsement – Not sure if you are planning to go to our 45th Reunion next year! But, here is an unsolicited endorsement from your classmate Lucy Cookson who will be at the reunion – “I had such a great time at the last reunion because of the warmth and friendliness of everyone, and from the excitement of seeing old classmates. We all really have strong ties to each other even though decades have passed since we were together. There's something very special about Juniata.”

Not April Fools Joke – Yes that was not an April Fools Joke – just a failure of mine to change the header on the lat newsletter – it still showed March for the internet version. I corrected it on the postal version. Some times time does not fly when you are having fun!!!

We Are on the Steps of Founders for Another Year – Yea, our class fund agents – Rich Morgan and Bill Chew have indicated - As of May 1, 2008, 76 out of 152 class member have contributed to the Juniata Scholarship Fund so we have achieved the 50% goal. In order to achieve the goal of 60% we need 15 more contributors by the end of May, which ends the fiscal year. Of the remaining class members who have not contributed, 19 did contribute last year. OK gang its up to you! Help our class to reach the 60% goal by sending your contribution in by mail or email as soon as possible. Thanks!”

More Founders' Memories –

Judy Carleton Barnett sent this memory – “I seem to have missed the request for Founders Hall memories as well. Here's mine: In our freshman year, Corky Cunningham and I shared a tiny room on the second floor landing of Founders Tower. Dr. Cherry was registrar at the time, and I was the office assistant, doing this and that in the Registrar's Office on the first floor of Founders. Whenever Dr. Cherry wanted me to show up for work, he'd stand at the bottom of Founders Tower and shout ‘Fuzzbomb’ at the top of his lungs: my signal to drop everything and get myself down to the office. I do miss him.”

Joan Gartman Kasse, as extracted from the Juniata NewsGroup Release of April 13, 2008 - “I lived in Founders on the top floor my Sophomore year. One of my many memories is of the bat invasion. Most probably the bats nested in the attic. The floor itself was in a T shape with the bathrooms located at the cross of the T. The bats would fly back and forth between the two sections of the T. Not wanting the bats to come too close to us, we would open our room door and give a loud "Whoop" into the hallway. Then as the bats flew to the other part of the hallway, we would make a run for the bathroom. No doubt, they did not want to meet us any more than we wanted to meet them, but the Whooping went on for some months before the bats were either exterminated or left for better quarters.”

Merion Kercher Oliver's memories - Another memory of Founders: During the first days of being on campus our freshman year, the women of Founders met on the first floor with Dean Yohe for some orientation. When we spoke we were to introduce ourselves and say where we were housed. I remember citing my room as being on fourth Flounders (sic), which evoked a huge laugh and I had no idea why. At a similar gathering, shortly thereafter, we were encouraged to share something of special meaning to us with the group. I will never forget the moving contribution of Mel Balsam as she recited the poem "Patterns" for us. Thank you for that, Mel. It makes me smile even today.”

New Email Addresses - Floy Moyer Laquidara, Ann Gresimer Haines, Rose Leroy Minter, Marion Kercher Oliver and Gail Woodworth Mann all have new email addresses. Remember to let me know at SOSulli177@aol.com when you have a change in contact information – postal address, phone numbers or email address. If anyone want to contact any classmate to reconnect and plan to meet at our reunion in 2009, let me know and I will try to help link you up.

Lots of Stuff from Marion –

My Apologies – As usual I (Dan O’Sullivan) slipped up again. Marion Kercher Oliver pointed out – “Please check the mailed newsletter in the places where you mention the class fund agent. You’ll want to update the information there.” My apologies to Rich Morgan and Bill Chew. I use a master header and footer and that caused the problem – much like the problem when I have the wrong month on the postal version of the newsletters. Rich and Bill have now been properly listed on the postal version of the newsletter. Thanks Marion for bringing this to my attention.

A Good Idea - I (Dan O’Sullivan) hope you all will take Marion’s idea and make a note to send in news for the newsletter. Marion wrote – “I am really enjoying the newsletter and am always surprised when it arrives! How fast a month goes by! I must put a reminder on my calendar to send you some news on the first of the month so that I don't keep missing the deadline.”

Class of 1963 Reunion - Marion updated us on the progress of the Class of 1963 reunion – “Dave and his committee are having a great time planning their 45th reunion. I would encourage any members of the class of '64 who can come to campus the first weekend in June to join the class of '63 for their activities. I'm sure Evelyn Pembroke would know how to do that.” Actually it is very easy to register for the Class of 1963 events. The only ones requiring advance reservation are the Friday evening, June 6, 2008 Class Gathering at 8:30pm in the Pheasant Lounge, von Liebig Center for Science that follows the All Class Dinner Buffet and the Class of 1963 Class Dinner Saturday, June 7, 2008 in the Suzanne von Liebig Theatre, Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts. You should have received a brochure about the Alumni Weekend with a reservation form and you can make you reservation online at <https://secureweb.juniata.edu/alumni/aregistration/> Just make the 1963 events instead of the Non-Reunion block when responding to the Class Gathering and Class Dinner question. I have already signed up for the Class Gathering. Hopefully many members of the Class of 1963 and 1965 will join us in 2009 as we celebrate our 45th Reunion.

Fund Drives – Marion sent this message about giving back to the College – “Many thanks to Rich and Bill for their great results in contacting and encouraging our classmates to support our contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Dave and I are involved in the Founders Hall renovations support and would like to encourage any members of the class of '64 who would like to make a special gift to that effort to contact me for more information.” Remember if you give to any fund drive it counts toward the percentage of participation to retain our place on the Founders’ Steps.

Founders’ Memory - Marion also sent a Founders’ memory that I have grouped above with comments from other classmates.

Another Note from Marion – A special thanks to Marion Kercher Oliver for always keeping us informed about her activities – it is fun to keep track of her, Dave and their fellow Juniatiens.

Marion wrote –

On April 19, Phil Rohm '62, arranged for a gathering of 14 Juniata grads and spouses at the Cock and Bull restaurant in Lahaska, Pa. Attending were Phil '62 and Roseanne Rohm, Jack '62 and Lois Rehberg'64 Beamer, Mike '62 and Carol Kuhn '65 Kolitsky, "Hoko" '63 and Joy Tavalsky, Tom '63 and Nancy Congersky, Ron '63 and Rita Poruban, and Dave '63 and Marion '64 Oliver. All the guys had been teammates on the football team, but Mike and Jack had not seen each other since graduation. There was so much catching up to do, no one had a chance to tell old football stories!

Some notes from the conversations:

Dave and Marion are planning for the wedding of their older son (David) this September, in Ireland.

Ron and Rita are enjoying their three grandchildren, Max, Matthew, and Michael (the three Munchkins); also Ron recently scored his fourth "hole-in-one" on the golf course.

Tom and Nancy are anticipating the marriage of their son Michael in October, "Hoko" and Joy have been traveling in many foreign countries.

Mike and Carol are enjoying their home in Ocean City, NJ, where Mike is creating beautiful stain glass windows.

Jack and Lois spend a lot of time traveling and on the golf course (traveling together, playing golf separately).

Phil and Roseann are celebrating the success of Phil's heart transplant 2 1/2 years ago and the upcoming wedding of their daughter Jessica.

Dave wrote the following information about our role in the gathering of support for the Founders Hall project:

The Campaign for Founders Hall, Juniata College

Each and every one from our era at Juniata College possesses some fond memories of Founders. Whether you lived there, recall the bell in the tower being rung to announce another victory on the gridiron, visited Ms. Nathan in the Treasurer's Office, or "made out" under the porch, the building is full of nostalgia for us!

Several years ago a first attempt was made to begin the restoration/renovation. At that time Marion and I purchased our brick and gave \$500 for the replacement of a window. The campaign took a backseat due to the need to finish other projects on campus.

Now in 2008 the Campaign is back and picking up steam. After a recent visit from Erik Evans, Vice-president for Development, we made a pledge to sponsor one of the steps. Shortly thereafter we were asked to contact five potential candidates who might give what we pledged or more. A mailing has been sent to those alums, Dave has followed up with an email, and will make phone calls this week. Four of our contacts are in the Class of 1963 (Dave's) and one in Marion's, class of 1964.

Why not join in this great undertaking!

Editor's Note: You can contribute to the Founders project by buying a brick, buying a window pane, buying a step in the bell tower or by just making a contribution. Details are on the Juniata web site at www.juniata.edu. Any form of contribution counts toward the class participation when calculating the 50% required to keep the Class of 1964 on the Founders' Steps. We are already at or over 50% for 2007-2008. The next contribution year starts June 1, 2008.

Jesse Chew Update – Bill Chew sent message and note from Jesse – "Here's an update from my awesome son.

Hello everyone,

I wanted to inform everyone about the severity and reality of this devastating disease I am now faced with.

Amidst all of the difficult news and decisions, the amount of global positive response to what has happened is overwhelming. I am so grateful and thankful for everyone's love and support. I cannot thank you all enough for your compassion, care, laughs and positive attitude since the onset of this.

A Glioblastoma multiforme is a type of brain cancer that is highly malignant... I have been diagnosed with Stage IV (unfortunately the worst and most aggressive). What this means is that a large, rapid growing mass began in my temporal lobe, and is now trying to take over. The treatment plan has 3 parts to it.

- Remove as much tumor as possible (4/1/08)
- Kill whatever cancer cells are left with Radiation and Chemotherapy
- Slow the rate or hopefully put the cells into a non-dividing, sleeping state

The tough news...

- Left untreated, GBMIV kills patients within 3-12 months of its onset.
- The standard of care [i.e. Radiation/Chemo/Surgery] (not cure) only extends mean survival by a few months to a year at a time.
- The mortality rate is very high, and only small percentage live beyond a year...
- There are only a handful of people that have had this and lived beyond 5 years and have gone through the 32 week treatment cycle ~5 times

Just to prepare, I wanted to tell people about the side effects of this whole process as well...

The tumors themselves (because it's malignant, they will come back other places), and the treatment/drugs I'll be taking have side effects that will change what day to day life might be...

Many lose motor function, eye sight, hearing, comprehension skills, speech skills, etc through the whole process.

This is a disease that does not go away, and is in a sense, a terminal illness...

Here's where I am - For years I've been telling people that I've lived 5 lifetimes over. My love for the experience and recognition of the fragility of life has always been deeply rooted inside me. "Do you live the days you go through?" A quote that since middle school, I've modeled my existence. Even during the bad news today, I told my doctor (when the "buying time" came up) "We're all buying time in our own way... I've always tried to live my days to the fullest, be engaged in what the world has to offer, so I'll just keep doing that". Since the onset of this, I felt that this has been a chain of events that is meant to bring about something bigger. You hear a lot about that when people are scared searching for answers... but I'll tell you that I'm not scared. With the support of my family and friends, I'm going to prepare as if this were a mountain. I'm gathering my information about the climb (research the disease), checking to see what gear I need in my pack (what treatments), planning the best route (where to go), and knowingly will start to ascend something that is hazardous, challenging, painful, yet remarkably beautiful and humbling. This is an adventure. Many times, adventures are no fun while they're actually happening. It's the endurance, perseverance, and tenacity that you find within yourself, as well as the love of the creation.

Positive things!

- I am young
- I am healthy (still never had a sip of alcohol, no cigarettes, no drugs)
- GBMIV is most common in older to elderly patients, so those grim stats are heavily weighed by patients 50+ years old
- (Although very rare) There are survivors that are 6, 8, 10 years out
- The surgery (so I've been told) was successful in getting a lot out
- I can be part of experimental research that is going on around the country
- You all have been such an integral part of my spirits being high
- I'm running out of tumor jokes

Thank you all again for your truly amazing support. Come by whenever you wish, and in a bit, we'll all experience life, love, and happiness together.

-Jesse

Benefit for Jesse – Bill Chew went to Juniata the last weekend of April to attend the “Runners Reunion” – an annual gathering of Juniata cross-country runners and more importantly to hear his son Casey’s (a junior) benefit gig (he plays keyboard with a group of classmates, a couple alum and one prof on drums). The benefit is for his other son Jesse who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer – he had a great operation on 1 April and starts chemo (temodar), radiation at Penn and a drug Avastin from a Duke trial (recently). His son Jesse is a drummer and has played a bit with them.

Editor’s Note: Bill provided pictures of the Benefit that are posted on the web site.

50th Reunion Fund Progress – Terry Grove, our Chairman for the 50th Reunion fund appreciate the contributions being made toward this 10 year goal to accumulate \$64,000 to give the College at our 50th Reunion.

Terry recently reported – “To date we have 32 of our classmates who are participating in the 50th Anniversary Gift. Thirteen of the 32 have given at least \$1,000 and several others are averaging \$100 per year on their way to the goal of at least \$1,000 for each participant. Not too bad.”

What is a “Dooflicker?” – Even after reading an article about “Dooflickers” on campus in the latest edition of the *Juniatian*, I am still not sure exactly what they are! But I do know Bill Chew’s son Casey, better know by fellow “Dodflickers” as “Mayhem” is a member of the “Parliament” That leads this “Gang.” Actually the “Dooflickers” are a group of students that have started a scooter (as in self-propelled mode of transportation with standing board, wheels and a steering bar) revolution. They got the “tag” of “Dooflickers” from a cafeteria worker when referring to this gang that parked their scooters in the hallway out side Baker (Dining) Hall. Maybe Bill can get a little more info about the “Dooflickers” to share with us.

Information Provided When Responding to the Validation Email – The following notes were received from classmates when they responded to the validation email. (I will do a summary of attendance responses later in the year.)

Robbert Cupper – Returned to full-time teaching after a serious bout with acute leukemia and a bone marrow transplant. Won the Julian Ross Award for excellence in teaching at Allegheny College in 2007.

Gail Woodworth Mann - I just found out today that I'll be moving at the end of June.....to a smaller house that is only ½ mile away by foot but 5 by road. As much as I hate leaving this wonderful old house and property and all my flowers, and memories, etc.....I am ready to be done with the time, energy, and \$\$\$ it takes to keep it going. The new townhouse is a Williamsburg style one that has a wonderful sun room and view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.....without that, I'm not sure I'd move. It's big enough for the kids to come and stay, if they all don't come at once... Things are great here.....just spent a weekend at Flower Camp with a lot of other "bio-geeks" in hiking boots looking at birds, flowers, trees, etc...and taking a "field sketching" class.....brought back memories of learning the botany and zoology things so many years ago! Talk about life-long learning!! Just reread the newsletter and will send some \$\$\$ to the "gift" fund....already have sent the scholarship \$\$\$.

Bob Himes - I'm "retired" from any 9-5 full week job but I still am the Organist for 2 churches each week.

Ron Smelser - I will be in Germany from July 16 to October 15 on a teaching and research schedule.

BJ Miller Taffe - My husband Bill and I (and our two Aussie Shepherd dogs) just returned from a 3-month camping trip across Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to San Diego, where we visited our son and his family. We returned to New Hampshire via Death Valley, Zion and the greater Moab area in southern Utah.

Grey Berrier – Grey indicated his son, Grey David, was recently installed as commander of the Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation (IGMR), a major reserve training installation in Annville, PA. Grey David is also attending a two program at the Carlisle Barracks War College that will culminate with the awarding of a masters degree.

Gwen Woodworth Lang - Ted and I had planned a visit with Carol Banse Doyon, Gail and Carol Brinton Ashworth but it never materialized! I ended up in Emergency rooms in South Carolina and Florida on our "car rip south" and it was recommended I go directly home,...had cellulitis and phlebitis and ended up with a clot.....spent a night at Carol's on the whirlwind trip home and she and Paul were so kind and accommodatingwe will try again later! That is all behind me now...thank goodness!

Chief Flat Feather Visited NC – Carol Banse-Doyon indicated – “Chief Flat Feather has been released to continue his journey - after we finally got the digital camera a new memory card and were able to take his picture. How proud we have been to give the Chief lodging for a few days here in the cotton fields of eastern North Carolina. I will be sending you the digital picture, which was taken in front of our Library mantel in our 1891 Colonial Revival southern home. ”

Editor's Note: Rumor has it that the Chief made another cross-country trek to the west coast!

Another Juniata Gathering Being Planned – Bill Chew and Jack McCullough '76 have been talking about a gathering for Cross Country runners of the 70s and the 50s/60s. Jack in a recent email set the stage when he said to Bill – “We're all very interested in hearing any and all tales, lore, and legends- preferably exaggerated and embellished all out of proportion courtesy of 40 years of practiced reminiscences - but I'll settle for the truth as well - of what CC and track was like at Juniata prior to our time during the 70's. You guys set the table for the rest of us who followed and we'd genuinely enjoy hearing about it all.”

Editor's Note: Jack included a picture of some of the 70s runners taken during a recent reunion in front of the remains of Grubb's Diner which site off site and Bill set a picture of the 2002 reunion of the 50s/60s runners that have been put in a collage and returned to Bill for posting on the web site.

LinkedIn – Both Bub Parker, Director of Alumni Relations and Bill Chew have brought to my attention the professional networking tool – LinkedIn.

Bub recently wrote – “I have received a lot of requests from fellow Juniatians in the past few months craving a ‘network’ on LinkedIn and I have set one up. If you are not a member of the Juniata group on LinkedIn yet, please click on the link below to request to be included. Once approved, you will be set. If you run into any problems, please let me know, otherwise it will be great to have you in the group.

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/82165/2CC361265ECF>

What is LinkedIn?

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 20 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. For more information or to create a personal account click on the link below. In short, it is a very powerful

professional networking tool and it is wonderful to have a Juniata presence so that Juniatiens can connect with fellow Juniatiens with ease.

http://www.linkedin.com/static?key=company_info&trk=hb_ft_abtli

You can do me a HUGE favor by passing this along this information to your JC contacts (alumni, parents and friends) who you know to either be on LinkedIn or not. The important items are the links above (especially the first one since that is the "key" to join the Juniata group)."

Thanks for Input – Thanks to the following for input for this newsletter – Judy Carleton Barnett, Floy Moyer Laquidara, Ann Gresimer Haines, Marion Kercher Oliver, Bill Chew, Rich Morgan, Bill Chew, Terry Grove, Carol Banse-Doyon, Grey Berrier, BJ Miller Taffe, Ron Smelser, Bob Himes, Robert Cupper, Gail Woodworth Mann, Lucy Cookson, Judith Carleton Barnett, Joan Gartman Kasse, Gwen Woodworth Lang, Bub Parker, Director of Alumni Relations

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.