

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - June 2005

Great Alumni Weekend - Alumni Weekend in 2005 was a huge success - I think about 500 alumni returned to campus. Among them were four classmates - Rich Morgan attending his wife Marlene Rear's Class of 1965 40th Reunion, Randy Pletcher attending his wife Dede Edmiston's Class of 1965 40th Reunion, Jeff Varnes with his wife Judy and daughter Heather there to receive the William E. Swigart, Jr. '37 Alumni Humanitarian Award and Dan O'Sullivan with his wife Sheila and son Sean there to receive the Harold B. Brumbaugh '33 Alumni Service Award. Sean was also attending the 15th Reunion of the Class of 1990.

You would have enjoyed the weekend even though it was not a traditional reunion weekend for us. Many of you knew some of the 32 members of the Class of 1965 that attended their 40th Reunion - Abby Frank Bradway, Judy Rose Burger, Steve Burger, Carl Bush, Penney Robinson Bush, Neal Clopper, Susan Vieth Clopper, Don Corle, Wiz Hicks Dow, Ron Ferraro, Barry Halbritter, Connie Cedrone Lyons, Judith Maxwell, Marilyn Rear Morgan, Donna Hunt Nicholas, Michael Pearson, Clay Pheasant, Judy Rodgers Pheasant, Dede Edmiston Pletcher, Dave Rodenbough, Pamela Stevens Schneider, Alma Benser Scordato, Carolyn Balko Scott, James Scott, Lan Dodge Shaffmaster, Linda Shirley, Allison Mook Sleeman, Carol Hamburg Swigart, Charles Swigart, Cora Heiple Teter, Barbara Robbins Urban, Mary Beaver Werner and Jim Will.

The Class of 1965 had invited as their SPECIAL GUEST for the weekend Steve Barbash and his wife Judy. Professor Barbash wowed them with a display of some of his art work at the Friday night social - interspersing interesting memories of his eight years at Juniata (1960-1968). I am sure many of you would have loved to see Professor Barbash again - it was a thrill for me!!!

Rich Morgan indicated he had a great time too when he wrote - "I had a great time with Marilyn's (Rear Morgan '65) classmates since I knew most of them anyway, Penny (Robinson Bush '65) and Carl (Bush '65) have kept in touch with us over the years since Marilyn roomed with Penny for four years. We have a date to get together in August at their beach house in Rhode Island - looking forward to it. Looking forward to future plans for our class; hope we can be as enthusiastic as the class of '65!"

Also of interest to you would have been the collection of pictures from 1960 - 1965 donated to the college by Ed McCurdy. Ed was in the class of 1965 and took the pictures as photographer for the Juniatian and Alfarata. Probably about 50 pictures or so of the era were on display including one of our "Knowledge through Learning" float. I have sent Bill Chew a picture of two of the framed pictures on display - "The Bell Tower" and "Changing Classes - 1963" - the other pictures were mounted but not framed - tried to take pictures of the pictures but the flash reflected in the picture too much to include them on the web site - sorry. Guess you will just have to go to the College to see them - maybe next year for Alumni Weekend - SEE YOU THERE.

Another highlight was a tour of the Halbritter Performing Arts Center under construction - actually it is a renovation of Oller Hall, which become part of the Center, and an addition of another performance venue and support facilities. I took pictures of the construction site and sent them to Bill Chew for the web site. Do not fear - the walkway from North (now Sunderland) to the Cloister Arch will still be there so Storming of the Arch will survive.

Some interesting student population facts provided by Dr. Kepple - Class of 2009 which will enter Juniata this Fall will have approximately 400 members, the total enrollment will be between 1400-1500 over the next few years. In the graduating class 40% did some study abroad, 80% served in an internship and 91% got their degree in 4 years or less. (Hey that is the class graduating when we next meet for a traditional Reunion in June of 2009 - that will be an exciting time for Bill Chew - graduation of his son from Juniata and celebration of his 45th Reunion within a month of each other!)

Of course the highlight for Jeff Varnes and myself was receiving our awards. Below I provide the summary of accomplishments that the Alumni Council determined merited the recognition as presented in the program for the All Class Assembly.

The William E. Swigart, Jr. '37 Alumni Humanitarian Award

Jeff M. Varnes, who received a bachelor's degree from Juniata in 1964, has provided selfless service to his profession. Upon earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Juniata, he continued to pursue an education in social sciences at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He has been the Executive Director of the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross since 1987, for which he dedicated over 34 years in leadership roles that have improved

the quality of life in his community, and made the community a safer place in which to live by enacting programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies of any size. For over 40 years in his service to the American Red Cross Varnes has contributed to the successful organization of teams to serve individuals who have lost loved ones in mass causality incidents in the United states, including the Oklahoma City bombing, Flight 93 air incident in Shanksville, PA on September 11, 2001, and most recently, flood relief efforts in Kirksville, MO on October 19, 2004. He has enthusiastically pursued the advancement of leadership development through the York Suburban School Board, where he has contributed significantly to the provision of quality, cost effective education for the community's students and other stakeholders; and, through Leadership York as a contributor to the development of individuals to serve the community in the government and nonprofit sector. As a leader and former President of the Board of Directors of the S.P.C.A., Varnes has contributed to the organization's transformation into one with a broad vision in relation to the treatment of animals. He has received numerous awards in recognition for his community service, including the 2003 Service to Mankind Award from the White Rose Foundation, the Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership York, and the Community Service Award for an Individual from the York County Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff's award was presented by Paul Herbling. Jeff, in his remarks, made comment on the great impact Paul Herbling had on his life - "As a student at Juniata, I did not distinguish my self academically. Using today's language some might say I was academically challenged. As all students I had highs and lows during my college days. During my junior year during a particular low time when I faced the possibility that I would not meet the expectations of my parents and myself to graduate from Juniata, I reached out to Dean Heberling. In his quiet, unassuming way, Dean Heberling helped me regain confidence and encouraged me to meet the challenge that was before me. This was a turning point for me and I want to publicly acknowledge the positive influence of Dean Heberling on me and my life." - Jeff asked for and received an ovation of recognition for Paul. Jeff in his acceptance comments went on to demonstrate the impact Juniata had on his life - "Despite being blessed, during my life I have faced opportunities and challenges, which called on me to be more than I thought I could be. It has been at those times that the experience of going through the crucible called Juniata College served me well. One such time occurred in the early morning hours of September 12, 2001, when I was alone in my motel room in Somerset, Pennsylvania contemplating the immense challenge of directing the American Red Cross response to the needs of the families of those individuals who died aboard United Flight 93 and the individuals involved in the investigation and recovery operation. As I thought about the expectations, the risks and the pressures I faced, I felt very alone. It was at that moment when I returned to many of the lessons learned at Juniata, those lessons included – faith and family and the knowledge that reaching out beyond ones self can provide strength. My faith and a conversation with my wife gave me the confidence and courage I needed so that the next day and the days that followed I was able to provide the leadership that was demanded of me. All that I had experienced at Juniata contributed to allowing me to once again be more than I thought I could be."

The Harold B. Brumbaugh '33 Alumni Service Award

Daniel F. O'Sullivan, who graduated from Juniata in 1964, has provided selfless and unwavering service and support to Juniata with contagious energy and loyalty. He has been active in the life of the College in a variety of volunteer roles that have included Alumni Council, Volunteer Leadership Programs, Juniata Admissions Ambassador, Friends of the Field Station, Class Associated Volunteer, and the Central Pennsylvania Alumni Regional Club. O'Sullivan has significantly enhanced Juniata's admissions operation by serving as a host for regional training, a representative at college nights/fairs, and a correspondent with accepted students. He has greatly enhanced the fundraising success of his alma mater as a faithful financial contributor to the Juniata Fund, Founders Hall Renovation Campaign, and the Class of 1964's 40th Reunion. He has strengthened communications between classmates by serving on the Class of 1964 Reunion Committee, Class Email Newsletter Editor, Class Contact Information Data Manager, and Chairman of the Class Steering Committee. O'Sullivan has also served the students of Juniata as an active participant in Freshmen Move-In Day, Senior Class Dinner, Senior Salute, and the JC-DC Job Shadowing Program. He has given selfless service to the College and in the recruitment and training of alumni volunteers and received the Juniata College Volunteer of the Year award in 2001 in recognition of his outstanding service to his alma mater.

My (Dan's) award was presented by Dr. Kepple, President of Juniata College. In my acceptance comments I pointed out - "It is the people – Juniata alumni and staff, my high school classmates and community volunteers - that make it fun to serve." As usual I could not resist the opportunity to recognize the Juniata Indians and in my closing remarks end with the following "Finally, I want to thank all of you that serve the college – be it for 5 hours or 500 hours. It is your service that helps our Alma Mater thrive – GO INDIANS - and you EAGLES too!" After the ceremony I was pleased to find I am not the only one out there that holds those sentiments - Mrs. Pat Swigart, wife of the Juniatian for whom the Alumni Humanitarian Award is named, came up to me and said "I liked you

comments especially the ending - William would have liked it too!!! I thought to myself, "Yes, Virginia - the Juniata Indian is alive and well in the hearts and minds of many faithful Juniatiens.

As an aside, keeping with tradition each reunion class gave a cheer - the Class of 1965 cheer was unique since it was the only one lead by a Juniata Cheerleader - Sue Vieth Clopper.

My wife took some pictures of the ceremony that I have put in a collage and sent to Bill Chew for posting on the web site.

There were many other interesting things to do over the weekend and other friends to meet - so you see Alumni Weekend is not just for the Traditional Reunion Classes - it is for everyone. I HOPE I WILL SEE SOME OF YOU THERE NEXT YEAR - probably in the first weekend of June 2006.

A Note from Marion - When I mentioned to Marion Kercher Oliver that Stephanie - a Class of 2005 student that Marion taught and who joined Marion, Dave and myself at Homecoming - came to congratulate me at the Award Reception, Marion responded - "I am so glad Stephanie sought you out to congratulate you. (Actually, I was her 8th grade English teacher.) I am so proud of you and all your work for Juniata. Dave and I wish we could have been there ourselves to clap enthusiastically for you and Jeff!"

Remember We Have Two Fund Drives - Just a reminder that there are two Class of 1964 Fund Drives that we hope you will support -

THE JUNIATA FUND - an annual fund drive coordinated for our class by Marion Kercher Oliver. Our goal is to have at least 50% participation by classmates in this fund drive annually. The key thing here is to contribute - no matter how much or how little you contribute - just so you do contribute. It is number of participants, more than dollar value that determines success of this program. A new Juniata Fund Drive starts July 1 of each year and runs until June 30 of the next year.

THE 50th REUNION GIFT FUND - a ten-year program coordinated by Terry Grove and the 50th Reunion Fund Committee. The key thing here is for each classmate to contribute at least \$1,000 before our 50th Reunion in 2014. BUT, early contributions will mean more return on investment between now and 2014. It has been suggested you could contribute \$10 monthly, \$100 annually or \$1,000 at one time - of course larger contributions are welcome.

When making a contribution to either of these fund drives make the check payable to Juniata College and REMEMBER TO WRITE IN THE MEMO SECTION OF THE CHECK THE FUND DRIVE YOU INTEND TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION - "**The Juniata Fund**" or "**The Class of 1964 50th Reunion Gift Fund**." All contributions to either fund are tax deductible. Send the checks to: Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652

New Phone Numbers -

Rich Morgan indicated - "Just to let you know that my phone number is now 973-663-2577, we have dropped one of the two lines into our house and use this number exclusively. Also my cell number is 973-713-5817."

New Email Address -

Michal Bahorik Gayer - Marion Kercher Oliver occasionally has problems with your email addresses and when that happens I help her get the correct one and often end up getting an update for my files too. The last one was interesting - Marion could not reach Michal because she had changed her email address. I reached her as she and her husband were traveling through the canyons of Colorado on there Yearly Healing Ministry Trip - the new email address is emgayer@verizon.net - that was sort of neat I thought!

Randy Pletcher - When I called Randy to remind him of the 41st Class of 1964 Reunion Gathering - he was going to be on campus for his wife Dede's reunion - he gave me the following new email address - randede@pa.net.

50th Reunion Fund Drive -

Terry Grove received one more contribution to the 50th Reunion Fund before transferring the account to Juniata under the program outlined above. The contribution came from Emmy Nittel Greve - Thanks Emmy. *Editor's Note: It appears Emmy, who was a widow, has remarried based on the name on her check - Emmy F. Greve - Congratulations!*

Marsha Hartman, Director of Development has indicated the following have made contributions to the 50th Reunion Fund directly to Juniata under the above procedure - Carol Marano, Judy Carleton Barnett, Ann Gresimer Haines, Robert G. Bowers, Anna Duncan Von Arx, as well as an additional contribution from Beatrice Schorsch Hueglin. Arrangement have been made to receive a regular update on contributors so I can pass on the success of the program as we strive for the \$64,000 goal.

In the first year of our 10 year program we have accumulated \$8,205.27 (including interest), which represents almost 13% of our \$64,000 goal - SO WE ARE ON TRACK!!! THANKS TO ALL YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED THIS YEAR!!!

Did You Spot Classmates in Reunion Brochure? - Bill Chew wrote - "Just got in last night for a visit home from CA. Good newsletter! . . . In all my mail to go through last night, I looked over the Alumni weekend brochure. Did you catch the pictures on page 3 under Alumni College? At the top it's Joyce and Fred Lytle and me at the biology class. I think Fred and I are in the bottom one also. Wish I could make the weekend but I'll still be out west. Congrats again Dan!" *Editor's Note: There was another picture with classmates in it - did anyone spot that one? In case you pitched the brochure, I have sent Bill Chew a file to post these pictures on our web site - take a look.*

Classmate Heads to Russia - Jan Wengerd Moran sent this note - "Next Thursday I leave on a 17 day trip to Russia on a Stanford Alumni Trip headed by William Perry, Russian expert and former Secretary of Defense. The bulk of the trip is on the Trans Siberian Railway traveling more than 6000 miles across Siberia with side excursions and ending in St Petersburg and finally Moscow. I almost derailed my trip by having a mountain bike accident last weekend in the Smoky Mountain National Park. I cracked my pelvis and banged up my legs and left hip. Fortunately I was wearing a helmet so my head was saved. It hurts to walk so I'm moving slowly. Not much I can do about the cracked pelvis except let it heal and get through the pain. A more sane person would cancel the trip, but I don't give up easily." *Editor's Note: I reminded her to take pictures to share with us. Anyone else done any traveling - share your stories and pictures by sending them to me for posting in the newsletter and on the web page.*

California Trip - Via Bill Chew I received this news about Fred Lytle. Fred and his wife Joyce recently traveled to California. They were visiting their daughter in San Ramon. Fred was also there to perform a wedding ceremony for a former student and his fiancé at Fogerty Winery atop the Santa Cruz mountains. Fred said - "I never thought I'd get to do that. I was just a little nervous with 120 people in attendance. Thankfully all went well." Fred indicated he can't make the off-year reunion. Fred is back in Indiana now - his wife stayed in California with their daughter in anticipation of the birth of their first grandchild.

Juniata get TV Coverage - Bill Chew sent this note about Juniata PR on TV - "This weekend in CA I saw part of a great PBS TV show on Maya Lin and the Viet Nam memorial and then I saw Oller Hall and some nice JC coverage! I forgot she was the Peace Chapel architect - the show included Dr. Neff introducing her."

Classmate Instructing in Berlin - In a recent email to me Ron Smelser mentioned - "I will be in Berlin teaching a short course at the Free University from July 14 to August 16."

WE DID IT! -

Apologies are extended to Classmate Lois Elaine Rheberg Beamer for the oversight in previously acknowledging her April contribution to the Juniata Fund. Some confusion was caused since it was a combined contribution with one by her husband Jack Beamer '62. Thanks Lois!!!

On May 18th Marion Kercher Oliver notified me WE DID IT! when she wrote - ""Thank you all who contributed to the fund this year ending June 30. I will be away (Norway) in June and was worried that if we didn't make our goal by then, that I wouldn't be around to help with the last minute 'push'. But thanks to you, we did it. **A huge thank you.**"

And then on June 6th she provided this update - "Since the last newsletter, the following classmates have sent in **NEW** contributions: "Mapes" Andrews, Bob Hoellein, Phil Fair, Carol Brinton Tyson Ashworth, Bob Himes, Sara Colbourne Wenner, Rolfe Wenner, Carol Marano, Lois Reherg Beamer, Carole Banse-Doyen, Joan Gartman Keys, Tom Werner, and Francena Brumbaugh. Also Anna Duncan Von Arx, Bob Bowers, and Ann Gresimer Haines added to their original gift for this year. That is a fantastic response; it means I can leave for Norway on June 17 knowing our class is on the steps! But for those who have still not sent in a gift for this year, **nine** more of you could get our class up to the 60% goal that the college set for us. We have at least nine who consistently send their gift in June, so if you have been waiting until now, go ahead, do it!

Contributions should be sent to:

Development Office
1700 Moore Street
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Make checks payable to Juniata College and write JUNIATA FUND in the memo section. Contributions can also be made on the College web site at <http://www.juniata.edu/> - SELECT Alumni & Donors, then SELECT Make a Gift, then SELECT Make a Gift (again) - the screen will provide options including online contributions.

Thanks to Dan for getting this message out to you."

Thanks for Contributing to Newsletter - Thanks to the following for contributing to this newsletter - Bill Chew, Rich Morgan, Marion Kercher Oliver, Randy Pletcher, Fred Lytle, Jan Wengerd Moran, Michal Bahorik Gayer, Terry Grove, Ron Smelser