

## Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – July 2007

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**Correction** – In the last internet version of the newsletter it was reported our 2006-2007 Scholarship contributions funded 13 scholarships – the correct number is nine – the same as last year.

**Have You Visited the Web Site Lately?** – Hope you all are enjoying visiting the Class of 1964 web site regularly and telling your Juniata friends to do so too – anyone can access the site – not just our class – so tell your friends in other classes to visit the site too. The site provides current pictures of classmates submitted since 2004, copies of the newsletters since 2004 too, collages of homecomings, our last reunion and déjà vu pictures from our college days. And, of course, do not forget the travels of Chief Flat Feather as he visits our classmates between now and our reunion in 2009. Something new is posted at least monthly. Directions for accessing the site are above. When viewing the pictures, if you click on the picture it will enlarge. Finally, if you are enjoying the current pictures of classmate, PLEASE SEND ME PICTURES of you as you travel, with your family, with your friends, with your pets – or just you. DO NOT wait for Chief Flat Feather to arrive send a picture now! Your classmates will enjoy your pictures as much as you are enjoying seeing their pictures. THANKS!

**Classmate Honored** – Thanks to Terry Grove for passing on this good news – “Hal Yocum received the Silver Buffalo Award from Scouting in June. This is the highest award a volunteer can receive in the Boy Scouts of America - very few are given. And very well deserved by Hal.” The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1926, is bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth on a national basis. This award, Boy Scouts of America’s highest commendation, recognizes the invaluable contributions that outstanding men and women render to America's youth. The service must be national in character and can be directly connected with the BSA or independent of the movement. Hal was also honored as a Distinguished Alum by the Mount Union Area Schools Alumni Association. Congratulations Hal.

*Editor’s Note: A copy of a picture taken at the Mount Union award ceremony is posted on the Class web site.*

**Another Interesting JCEL Business** – Heather Lecrone, ’09, a student from the Spring Grove (York County), has teamed up with some grads and is pursuing start up of a European Travel Program providing a different travel experience – escorted driving tours. The mode of travel will be rental cars, driving on back roads, visiting smaller towns, staying in quaint, smaller hotels and eating at unique restaurants. This travel concept avoids the regimentation of tour bus travel and the uncertainty of independent travel. Her team hopes to conduct the first tour next year.

**More Insight on Migraine Headaches** – Ron Smelser sent along this info that has been shared with Gwen Woodworth Lang and is presented here in case any others have similar problems. Ron indicated – “Doctors have established a connection between migraine headaches and unclosed PFOs (the hole between the two upper chambers of the heart in embryo which usually closes after birth, but not in c. 15% of the population.) When the hole is closed (a non-intervention treatment) many people stop having migraines. . . . Dr. Sherman Sorenson here in Salt Lake City is pioneering this research.”

**Life after Retirement** – Hal Yocum recently provided this great update on his life since retiring – “Being somewhat computer challenged deciding to write a note for the monthly class e-mail letter is daunting. However, several significant occurrences push me to the task. First is the big 65 birthday. Made it June 1. I'm sure all of us have done it or soon will.

With that comes that Medicare card. There were times during my medical practice that my group discussed NOT PARTICIPATING or limiting monthly volume of patients on Medicare. IT NEVER PASSED IN MY OFFICES. The reasons are simple - economics. To put it in prospective - I think even if the US enacts "Medicare for everyone" - read Nat Health Care – 7, even at its likely tremendous anticipated costs we will all be disappointed. Us old folks by "the waiting" that will occur, and the doctors because they will have to have a meeting of the pocketbook-as Medicare fees will not pay their bills for PRIVATE PRACTICE. I'll bet in 3-5 years after they enact it most docs will be employed by some big clinic and be delegated - at best - 10 minutes per patient. Hope they will take care of all of us.

That brings me to the RETIREMENT issue. Finally did it Dec 31,06. The Univ of OK Medical School Dept. of Orthopedics made me a great part-time - 3 days a week-work offer. The work is about 80% indigent care and resident supervision in clinics and surgery. It's really enjoyable.

Finally, after retirement, several suggestions that I should have done it earlier. My High School- Mount Union Area High School, just down the road from J.C., recognized me with their Distinguished Alumni Award on May 26 and a week later the Boy Scouts of America awarded me their National Distinguished Service Award - THE SILVER BUFFALO at our National Meeting in Atlanta.

I enjoy all this open time that comes with retirement and have as of yet only filled half of it with other volunteer activities, American Legion, Church, and new Scouting responsibilities. They tell me that keeping busy is the best way to fend off ALZHEIMER'S! It also gives me time to key in long e-mails. Da\_n those teachers who told us not to take TYPING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I enjoy reading about folks who take the time to write. Rich Morgan's planned long trip around the US visiting classmates kind of reminds me of Forrest Gump deciding "TO RUN."

Well, I've keyed for 1/2 hour to do this - so that's it, probably for a year!

*Editor's Note: A copy of a picture taken at the Mt Union presentation has been posted on the Class web site. I have asked Hal if he has any other pictures he can share of his award ceremonies or other shots. Didn't you enjoy this update? It would be great if everyone sent me an update once a year. Email to [sosulli177@aol.com](mailto:sosulli177@aol.com) or postal mail to 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Pictures are always welcome too!*

**Son of Classmate in JC Choir** – Bill Chew recently indicated in a note to Marion Kercher Oliver – “My son (soon a junior) loves choir - they had a great trip to Trinidad this spring. He would have returned for the alumni weekend but was in Jamaica for a wedding. I heard their concert when they returned – it was terrific!”

*Editor's Note: The Juniata Choir celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a concert and other activities during Alumni Weekend -many alumni returned, including Marion, to sing in this massive choir.*

**Classmates Lives in China** – Thanks to a “chain of sharing” by Earl Samuels '65 and classmates Bill Chew, I can share this interesting note from our classmate Rich O'Connell who lives in China. (Sharing it has Rich's blessing.) Rich wrote –

I've been thinking about retiring for a couple of years-I got really tired of my job. I work as a translator at the Central Translation Bureau, which is an office of the Communist Party Central Committee. We translate mostly speeches by government leaders and foreign-oriented publicity (propaganda). Last year we started translating the three-volume selected works of the Jiang Zemin, the former president of China (1992-2002). None of this stuff is very interesting, and the workload is fairly heavy.

I'm able to live in China because I have a work visa, and I needed to solve the visa problem in order to retire and stay in China. In China you can apply for permanent residence after being married to a Chinese citizen and living in China for five years. I married Minmin, a Chinese woman, in March 2001 and have been living here since 1995, so I satisfied that requirement last March. We have a son - Corin. It took me till January this year to get the documents I need from the U.S. and get them authenticated, and then I applied for a "green card" in January. Things seem to be going smoothly, and I should get it soon.

I turned 65 in May, and was intending to retire when my contract expires in August (I've been on a series of one-year contracts since I've been here-that's SOP in China). But my wife began freaking out about me being around the house all day, and my employer kept asking me what could they do to keep me. So finally I told them that if they gave me a raise and cut down my workload, I'd stay. They agreed. So now, I go in half an hour earlier, work like mad all morning, finish my day's work by noon, and spend the whole afternoon on my writing. It seems to be working out pretty well, so I think I might keep it up for a few years. I put my writing down for a couple of years and just picked it up again, and it seems to be getting off to a good start. It's still very early, so it's hard to tell how it'll work out, but I'm optimistic.

You asked me about my leg problem in a vague way. About 20 years ago I came down with a viral disease (tropical spastic Para paresis - Para paresis is partial paralysis of the lower limbs) from God only knows where (it's very rare). It slows me down, but not too much. I can walk about a mile in about an hour. That's about my upper limit. I ride a bike back and forth to work and get as much exercise as an average couch potato, so it's not a quality of life issue. Also I do qigong (Chinese yoga) every day, and it keeps me very healthy.

I'm also enclosing a few pictures of me and my wife, one in front of our condo, two from my birthday 2006 in a park attached to the Forbidden City, and one of us with my son and his family last Christmas.

*Editor's Note: The pictures have been posted on the Class web site. It was great for Rich to share this info. Sure hope he and his wife will be able to make the long trek to our reunion in 2009.*

**February 2007 Déjà vu** – Rich O'Connell offers these details about the February 2007 Déjà vu picture posted on our class web site – “By the way, the February 2007 déjà vu picture is a picture of Bob Berthold (65), who was the captain of the cross-country team, leading a crew of freshmen doing maintenance on the part of the cross-country course that ran through the woods. It had to be our sophomore or junior year, because that's when he was captain. It must have been early in the school year because that's when freshmen got special treatment.”

**Alumni Awards** - As you know Juniata awards alumni for outstanding accomplishments at alumni weekend. Our classmates would be eligible for any of the following awards.

**Alumni Achievement Award:** For an alumnus/alumna who has distinguished himself/herself over a period of years and who has achieved a pinnacle position in his/her chosen profession. (Classmate Ron Smelser received this award in 1996.)

**Harold B. Brumbaugh '33 Alumni Service Award:** For an alumnus/alumna who has distinguished himself/herself above all others as having given of his/her time to projects or functions of an elected or appointed position for the advancement of Juniata College. (You may recall I was honored to receive this award in 2005.)

**William E. Swigart '37 Alumni Humanitarian Award:** For a Juniata alumnus who, through vocation or avocation, has exercised significant leadership or through personal sacrifice has improved the lives of others. (Classmate Jeff Varnes received this award in 2005.)

Nomination form for the awards is at the following web site -  
[http://www.juniata.edu/alumni/association/award\\_nomination.html](http://www.juniata.edu/alumni/association/award_nomination.html)

If you know of any deserving classmate, please submit a nomination. Selection of the winners is made by the Awards Committee of the Alumni Council chaired by the Past President of the Council. It would be great if one or more of our classmates were recognized at our reunion in 2009. It is not too soon to submit a nomination.

**Renovation of Founders Hall** – At Alumni Weekend I was able to attend a presentation by our College President, Tom Kepple about the renovation of Founders Hall. The project will start moving quickly now. Some funds have been collected but much more is needed. In addition to outright contributions, alumni have bought window dedications, bricks and steps in the bell tower. The renovation will bring the building up to modern standards while keeping the architectural charm of the building we think of as “Ours.” Actually the front section will be renovated while the wing – where the large room was (a chapel at one time) will be removed and rebuilt with a similar appearance. This is necessary because the structure can not be saved – the top two floors hang on cables from the rafters to create the open space on the first floor – no steel beams in those days! I mentioned the bricks – bricks bought by six classmates at \$125 each have already been placed – Janice Wengerd Maran, Lois Beamer, Susan Habecker Haupt, Don Detwiler, Robert Hoellein and Marion Kercher Oliver. Others may have purchased one and are waiting to have it engraved – it takes 100 orders to do the engraving. I even ordered one over Alumni Weekend – mine will be inscribed – “Remember the Juniata Indians! Dan O’Sullivan ’64.” A picture of our classmates' bricks are on the Class web site. If interested in more info or in joining us as owner of a brick – to be installed in Founders walkway – go to [http://www.juniata.edu/gifts/make\\_a\\_gift/brick\\_engraving.html](http://www.juniata.edu/gifts/make_a_gift/brick_engraving.html)

(Note: there are underlines where it may appear there is a space in the web site address i.e. make\_a\_gift/brick\_engraving.)

**Chief Flat Feather Visits the University of Utah** – Chief Flat Feather recently made a stop at the University of Utah to visit Ronald Smelser. Ron is a professor at the University and holds a chair at the Department of History. After years of study at German universities (Phillipps-Universität Marburg and Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn) he focused on German History, especially during the Nazi-Regime. Keep a look out, the Chief may be coming to visit you next. A picture of Ron and the Chief has been posted on the Class web site.

*Editor’s Note: Hope you all are enjoying following the travels of Chief Flat Feather.*

**Annual Class Letter** – What a great job Gwen and Rolfe did on the Annual Class Letter, and thanks to all of you that provided responses to them to help develop the letter. You should have received the letter in the postal mail. If you did not please let me know – it means we may not have your current postal address. You can contact me by email at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) or by postal mail at 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

**Strawberry Season** – Elaine Ake Frazier indicated they had a great strawberry season on the farm and she connected with many Juniatiens. She indicated “We saw a lot of JC folks---Trexler, Glazier, Kaylor, Herzog, Kitchen, Lisa O's daughter, lots of local grads. Of course I wore my JC Alumni shirt. Can't forget

Coach Curley---he helped plant the berries!"

**Thanks** – Wow, what great input was received for this newsletter. Thanks to the following for contributing – Heather Lecrone '09, Ron Smelser, Hal Yocum, Bill Chew, Earl Samuels '65, Rich O'Connell, Terry Grove, Elaine Ake Frazier

**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.**