

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - September 2005

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Sad News - Sandra Paris Fry, sister of Classmate Glenn Paris passed on this sad news - Our classmate and friend Glenn Paris died peacefully in his home in September 2005, after a long valiant battle with cancer. As Sandy noted, Glenn had a great love for Juniata. His financial contributions were a demonstration of his loyalty to the College he loved.

Deja Vu Thoughts - Here is another new feature for the newsletter - we hope some of you will follow Rich's lead and send me a recollection of your own to share as a "deja vu thought" of the month - come on gang let keep this feature going!!!

THE LETTERMEN IN CONCERT JUNIATA COLLEGE FALL, 1963 Submitted by: Rich Morgan

This article represents a stimulus to remind Class of '64 members of our first, and perhaps only, experience with "big name" entertainment on our campus. More detail is to follow when I get a chance to get back to Juniata, visit the library and search the archives of the Juniatian for more information. If anyone has any specific memories of this event, feel free to e-mail me at cow80y@aol.com and I will include the information in a future contribution to the newsletter.

The Lettermen visited our campus in the fall of 1963. Being the Vice-President of the Student Senate at that time, the responsibility for making the arrangements for this performance to be held in the gymnasium fell on my shoulders, and it is why Dan O'Sullivan asked me to "kick off" the déjà vu section of the monthly class newsletter. There was some degree of controversy surrounding the idea to have a prominent vocal group come to our campus mostly centering on cost and the conservative attitude that existed in some circles at that time. After all, one could travel 26 miles up Route 26 and be at Penn State and have access to their many concerts at any time.

The Lettermen did finally appear, but memory serves me that they were late and some Juniata talent filled in for a while until they arrived. The gym was packed and buzzing with anticipation and broke into loud applause when they were introduced. When they began the performance, from then on it went smoothly and professionally as these three very talented gentlemen went through their repertoire of songs, most of which were familiar to the audience. Their harmonies were tight and the music flawless.

At that time the Lettermen consisted of their leader, Tony Butala, Jimmie Blaine and Bob Engemann. Tony was born in Sharon, PA, sang on KDKA radio in Pittsburgh and was a classmate of one Concetta Ingolia at Sharon High School. Concetta was a tremendous performer in her own right, later changing her name to become known to us as Connie Stevens.

The Lettermen's first big hit occurred in 1961 when they recorded "The Way You Look Tonight" which they sang at the Juniata concert. Since that first big hit, they have recorded 18 gold albums, scores of top singles and performed over 10,000 sold out shows world wide including Juniata. They are still touring and if you check the internet, you will find a schedule of both their 2005 and 2006 tours. It is not the original group however, only Tony Butala remains, but he has committed his present group to the same Lettermen "sound".

Yes, they still wear their Lettermen sweaters (see picture posted on the web page), but they try to dress to the audience; in Las Vegas it would be glitz and glitter, and at Juniata it would be casual and laid back. Their contemporaries were groups like The Four Freshmen, The Four Seasons, Dion and the Belmonts and The Four Preps. Tattoos, long hair, face painting and body piercing had yet to arrive on the music scene, so their fresh, clean cut look along with their superior musicality was well accepted by audiences then and apparently even now.

Just to remind you, here is a partial list of some songs they probably sang at our concert:

The Way You Look Tonight
When I Fall In Love
Smile
Come Back Silly Girl
Turn Around Look At Me
Silly Boy (She Doesn't Love You)
Again
Heartache, Oh Heartache
No Other Love
Where or When
Theme From a *Summer Place*
I Only Have Eyes For You
Goin' Out Of My Head
Can't Take My Eyes Off You

As stated previously, when I get a chance to leave Lake Hopatcong, NJ and get up to Juniata, I will visit the Library and research the archived Juniatians to add to this information. Until then as Yogi Berra once said, "déjà vu all over again".

Regards,
Rich

Family and Friends Who are Juniatiens - During the July Steering Committee Meeting it was suggested that it might be interesting to hear from classmates about what family members or friends have attended Juniata. So send your comments to SOSulli177@aol.com.

I'll start it off - Only one other member of my family has attended Juniata - my son Sean O'Sullivan. He looked at five colleges his senior year in high school - University of Vermont, University of New Hampshire, Penn State, a small Peace and Conflict School in Vermont and Juniata. He was impressed with the Juniata's "new" POE concept and especially the Peace and Conflict Program. His choice of Juniata was WITHOUT any pressure from me. Juniata is not for everyone. Unfortunately, after a fun-filled freshman year he too realized Juniata is not for everyone - he wanted something bigger and with cosmopolitan activity beyond the college walls. So he transferred to NYU and graduate with a degree in Journalism. BUT, he still considers himself a Juniatian and cherishes his Juniata memories. He attended his 15th Reunion (Class of 1990) at Juniata last summer and has been participating in the DC Shadow Program for two years - the first Shadow Student in fact was hired and works for the company - Mathews Media Group.

Deja Vu Picture - August 2005 - Last month we introduced the Deja Vu Picture Series on the Class web page. On or about August 1, 2005 the first "Deja Vu Picture" was posted. The following comments about the August picture have been received.

These comments are from Bill Chew, Marion Kercher Oliver and Dan O'Sullivan - as committee members they knew the picture was posted and had some early guesses that were held back until the rest of you could be told about the Deja Vu Series in the last newsletter.

Bill Chew - "Great pic! Quick reaction is Rolfe, Flash Gordon and ? Moyer (?). I'll have to check against our journal."

Marion Kercher Oliver - "I just checked out the website and loved remembering those days when the picture was taken. Do I recognize Floy Moyer and Sally Barcklow and Josie Streiker? Thanks. Where has the time gone?"

Bill Chew - After seeing Marion's comment Bill added - "Floy, Flash Gordon and Rolfe (top of the steps) jump out at me. If not Sally maybe Judy Fairweather. I think Eboch is sitting near Flash; and Bernie Ripper (or maybe Yokum) far left. And Egan or Heimbaugh coming down the steps; and maybe the Simmons twins (one near Rolfe and one near Eboch). Girl in the middle ? (maybe Sara Colburn) Other guy sitting ? (maybe John Fike) Left most girl ? (maybe Mary Lou Bolsam) Who's talking to Flash - could that be me ?? Is this our senior fall ?"

Dan O'Sullivan - "I think the fellow to the far right is "Flash" Gordon - what was his first name? And the short girl to the left is Bea Schorsch I think. I think the male to the left could be a professor and not a member of the Class of 1964."

After seeing Dan's comment, Marion added - "The girl you are saying is Bea, is the one I thought was Sally, with Josie next to her, closer to the camera. This is going to be a great addition to the website!"

Editor's Note: The picture was taken from the 1961 Alfarata - our Freshman year. Although I agree with a number of those identified by others, I can not make a firm confirmation because the picture was a "lead picture" in the front of the yearbook and the names of those pictured were not listed. The picture was taken on the steps that lead to the Founders' Hall Walkway. By the way, this summer new steps, walls and walkways were installed along this block of Moore Street - another improvement to an already beautiful campus.

The Deja Vu picture for September has been posted - send you comments to SOSulli177@aol.com - more comments about the August picture are welcome too! Sorry the quality of the September picture is not the best but once someone identifies the building in the background I think it will bring back memories. Also think you will be able to identify some of the people.

Change of Email Address -

Thelma Hallman Shoneman informed us - "Please change Thelma Shoneman's email address to tshoneman@earthlink.net

Jean Kann Meloy has a new email address too - srtoutlaw@msn.com

Bob '64 and Barb '65 Antes Walker sent this note - "Please update your address book for the following new email addresses for Barbara and Bob.

Email for Barbara should now be sent to: barbarawalker6@comcast.net

Email for Bob should now be sent to: mrobertwalker@comcast.net

Thanks and have a nice day."

50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive - A special thanks to the following classmates who contributed to the 50th Reunion Gift Fund in August 2005 - Bonnie Wineland Crawford and Marlene Fisher Butler. With there contribution on fund continues to grow at a good pace toward the 2nd year goal. The total value of the fund as of August 31, 2005 is \$9,305.27. Twenty classmates have contributed to the fund.

You can send your part of our 50th Reunion gift anytime in small amount or in one large contribution. Just make out a check to "**Juniata College**" and enter "**Class of 1964 50th Reunion Gift Fund**" in the memo section of the check. Then send the check to:

Juniata College
1700 Moore Street
Huntingdon, PA 15662

Old Hangouts - In a recent discussion with classmates the subject of "old" college hangout came up, so I went to Huntingdon and took a few pictures of some of our old hangouts. I sent them to Bill Chew for posting on the class web page. What do you remember of those posted - Hole-in-the-Wall, Stricklers' Ice Cream Stand, Skip's Inn - the log cabin, and Kelly's Korner? What other hangouts were among our favorites? After viewing the pictures, share your thoughts by sending an email to SOSulli177@aol.com

Travel Report - Rich Morgan sent this info about a recent visit with fellow Juniataans - "We just spent a long weekend with Carl and Penny Robinson Bush at their beach home in Jerusalem, NH. They live in North Attleboro, MA, but spend a significant amount of time at this location. We talked and ate and enjoyed the water near their home as well as taking a day trip to Newport, RI to have lunch and view the seaport and mansions. Penny and Marilyn were roommates all four years at Juniata, and Carl and I roomed in Cloisters my senior year which would have been his junior year. I can send a picture or two, once I get them organized on my computer." *Editor's Note: When Rich sends the pictures I'll send them to Bill Chew to post on the class web page. Also, why don't there rest of you share your summer vacation stories and pictures with classmates - send them to me at SOSulli177@aol.com*

New Student Enjoying Juniata - Bill Chew reports - "Hey, my kid loves it at JC so far! I can't wait to visit him - maybe late Sept and again at Homecoming. I'll be back in PA Sept 15th."

Change in the Alumni Office - Chad Herzog, the current Director of Alumni Relations is moving to a newly created position at Juniata as Director of Performing Arts. He will be oversee the operations of the new Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts, the Artist Series and other cultural programs. He will also be teaching two theater courses as part of the new Theater POE. Chad will remain in the Alumni Office through Homecoming weekend. A search is on for a new Alumni Director. The Halbritter Center will be open in December with a formal dedication next Spring.

Hurricane Katrina - I am sure we all will be, or have been, effected by Hurricane Katrina. Hopefully none of our colleagues were in the direct path of the storm. Lona Grim Hoover is the only member of the Class of 1964 that I have living in LA or MS. She lives in Starkville, MS. Send your "Katrina related stories" to SOSulli177@aol.com

Thanks for Input - Thanks to the following for input to this newsletter - Bill Chew, Thelma Hallman Shoneman, Marion Kercher Oliver, Rich Morgan, Sandy Paris Fry-brother of Glenn Paris, Jean Kann Meloy, Bob Walker