

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - October 2006

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A Request for Your Input – Gwen Woodworth Lang and Rolfe Wenner request your help in the following note.

Dear Classmate,

We (Gwen and Rolfe) are developing our annual newsletter and would appreciate your cooperation in responding to the following questions. We are going to solicit responses from incoming freshman and existing sophomores and then compare responses from our class to present classes.

The response to the questions should not take long and we would appreciate if you could e-mail or send your responses to: gwenlang@verizon.net or mail the comments to 42 Fuller Shores Road, Lakeville, MA 02347-2401.

1. Please list the reasons you decided to attend Juniata.
2. Would you have made the same choice today? Yes or no, please briefly explain.
3. Explain in your opinion, the most influential areas or characteristics that Juniata has had upon your life.

Thanks! Gwen and Rolfe

June Deja Vu - Now that our web site is accessible to other Juniatian I hope we will get some comments from folks from the other classes like this note from Carl Bush '65 - "I really enjoy reading your notes and the '64 class news. Many thanks. I assume our fellow Juniatians didn't miss the fact that the picture of Steve Barbash and his friend was clearly inspired by Grant Wood's 'American Gothic.' Thanks to our JC education, it jumped out at us. I've not seen anyone else comment on this, perhaps too obvious to mention, but for a kid who hadn't even heard of art before JC, I was glad that I could appreciate the inspiration for the photo."

August Deja Vu -

Rich Morgan - This photo was taken at Camp Blue Knob in very late August or early September of 1963. It was the annual JC Leadership Conference which included all students in leadership positions. We froze during the night in the cold mountain air!! As VP of the Senate at that time I was responsible for the planning and organizing of the event. I will leave the identification up to others. I had to leave early for the Pittsburgh Rockets Drum and Bugle Corps of which I was a member, was competing in the National Championships at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City on that weekend. Consequently, I planned and organized, stayed for a while and caught a ride at Grubb's diner at 2:00 AM to get to Jersey to compete. All of this while taking a couple of training runs at hilly Blue Knob in preparation for the upcoming cross-country season. As a typical JC student, we all had multiple interests and talents.

On reflection after Dan O'Sullivan noted some of the 1963 grads in the picture Rich said - Perhaps it was the conference of the year before then it would be Fall of 1962. The Blue Knob conference was held annually so that is quite possible.

Marion Kercher Oliver - I do remember Leadership Retreat - I think it was held the week before classes began.

September Deja Vu -

Marion Kercher Oliver - I recognize Bill Crowell, of course, but I have no idea about the coach who is discussing the x's and o's.

Dan O'Sullivan - It is Coach Fred Prender explaining game strategy with bill Crowell - What position did Bill play?

50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive Starts a New Fund Drive Year - The third year of a ten-year fund drive, to accumulate \$64,000 gift to give Juniata College on our 50th Reunion in 2014, has begun. Terry Grove sends his thanks to all who have contributed and especially to the two classmates who have contributed since this year's fund drive started in June - Michael Bahorik Gayer and Dan O'Sullivan. He also is "hoping more of our classmates will join into this fun and important gift to Juniata in our class's name." The current total of the fund is \$12,825.27. You can watch the drive toward the \$64,000 goal on the class web site.

Juniata Scholarship Fund Drive is Underway Too! – On September 28, 2006, Marion Kercher Oliver indicated that “the annual Juniata Scholarship appeal letters are finished and in the mail.” So, what for your letter and support this worthwhile cause. Remember **all** contributions to the Juniata Scholarship Fund go to students as scholarships based on need in the following year. Marion also thanks Marlene Fisher Butler, Don Detwiler, Michal Bahorik Gayer, Joan Gartman Kasse, Dan O'Sullivan, Marion Kercher Oliver, Gerry Zwick Suvak and Gary Leathers for their early contribution to the fund. (These folk will not be receiving an appeal letter.)

President's Cup Challenge – While Marion was vacationing in Hawaii I received word from Linda Carpenter, Director of Alumni Giving announcing a new program related to the Juniata Scholarship Fund. Linda indicated -

“This year Juniata will introduce the President's Cups Challenge. Three “Loving Cups” will be awarded, one each in the following categories:

Participation Cup #1

For the class that reaches 50% participation earliest in the giving year

Participation Cup #2

For the class that increases their participation by the highest percentage each year

Scholarship Cup

For the class that increases scholarships provided by the highest number each year

Each cup will be engraved with the winner class year, awarded at Reunion Weekend each year and permanently displayed in Founders Hall.”

Editor's Note:

Now I think it will be hard for Class of 1964 to win Participation Cup #2 we are already at 64% participation so our growth in percentage now is in small increments; and, it will be hard for Class of 1964 to win Scholarship – some class with a few “deep pocket” alumni will win that one.

BUT, WE CAN WIN PARTICIPATION CUP #1 if everyone that is going to give this year will give at least a small portion of their gift NOW!!! We know we will have more than 50% participation – we have for four or five years straight – so if everyone that contributed last year send a contribution NOW – WE WILL WIN!!! Let's do it!

Bill Chew's Bike-a-thon - The newsletter works : Fran checked out my MS page and made an e-pledge - thank you, thank you, thank you , Fran! The ride was great both days (no hurricane this year!) and they reached nearly a million \$ for MS this year." Bill also provided a picture of his sister Betsey and himself taken by a photographer en route on the ride. He has been requested to post it on the web site.

Juniatian of Our Era to be Honored - In a recent note by Earl Samuel, 65 read in part: "Great News! Rob Gardner made it for the J.C. Sports Hall of Fame! Rob is out in Oregon and is thrilled about this entire matter. He and Millie will be coming into PA for a week, then to J.C. for induction."

The Juniata Web Site provides the following information - The 11th annual Juniata College Sports Hall of Fame Induction Day is set for Saturday, October 28 on the College Hill campus. This year football/baseball standout Matt Baker '94, record-setting wide receiver Mike Cottle '89, track and field/cross country performer Rob Gardner '63 and four-year letterwinner for the basketball program Wayne Paul '88 will be inducted at the dinner that is set for 6:30 p.m. on that Saturday. In addition, the group will be recognized at half-time of the football game. A schedule of events for the day are listed below along with other important information. Any and all are welcome to take part in the day and we would love to have you return to campus to support this year's induction class.

Location/Date: Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA 16652 Date: Saturday, October 28, 2006

Events:

11:00 a.m. – Late Morning Gathering (Hall of Fame Room - Kennedy Sports & Rec Center)

1:30 p.m. – Juniata College Football vs. Widener (Inductees Recognized at half-time)

5:30 p.m. – Reception (Gibbel Lobby - Kennedy Sports & Rec Center)

6:30 a.m. – Dinner and Induction Program (Sill Board Room - von Liebig Center for Science)

Sports events that day will include competition against Widner in Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer and Football.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Juniata College Sports Hall of Fame members are free)

Includes morning gathering, football ticket, reception and dinner.

RSVP: To register please email Bub Parker '91 at parkerm@juniata.edu. For more information, please contact Bub Parker '91 in the Alumni Office at the email address above or call toll-free at 1-877-JUNIATA (586-4282).

There is an effort to get as many of Rob's teammates and friends to return as possible. It is expected that Earl, Bob Berthold, Bill Chew, John Reeves, Chet Berkey and other friends may be there to help recognize Rob. If you were a teammate or friend of Rob's, why not make it a mini-reunion and return for the ceremony?

Phil Fair Is Relocating – Received this note from Phil. "As of Saturday, Sept 30 I will have a new e-mail and mailing address. Loretta and I have sold our home of 31 years and are moving to a condo in Bethlehem where we still have space for visits from grandchildren but no yard or sidewalks to maintain."

Editor's Note: Since the newsletter goes on the Class web site and we no longer have it username/password protected I can not include the new contact information. But if you are a Juniata friend of Phil's and want the information email me at SOSulli177@aol.com and I will share the info with you. Thanks for understanding.

Juniata Proud – Marion Kercher Oliver sent this note of pride in Juniata – "We received invitations to the ribbon cutting and dedication of Dale Hall in the Brumbaugh Academic Center and the Living Room at Raystown Field Station which will be held on Oct. 20 and 21. Because that is when we are returning from our trip, we won't be able to go to that either. We are very proud of the improvements to Juniata's facilities and are grateful for Tom Kepple's leadership in keeping the college current."

A "New" Juniata Tradition – The Class of 1964 has a close connection to this year's version of a *new* Juniata Tradition – Mr. Juniata. Mr. Juniata Pageant is a Juniata Tradition established in 1997. The event is sponsored by Circle K (the collegiate branch of the Kiwanis organization). The Mr. Juniata Pageant is a tongue-in-cheek spoof of beauty pageants with men from each class competing for the coveted Mr. Juniata crown. Complete with formal wear, talent, and interview competitions, the guys keep the audience in stitches with their hilarious antics. This year's winner is none other than Casey Chew – son of our Classmate Bill Chew. Casey wore a unique tux in the formal wear competition – brilliant turquoise coat and pink pants; in the talent event he played a rendition of Sail Away on the keyboard; based on the picture provided, his comedy skit with another contestant was humorous and unusual. He also participated in

another contestant's skit – it is an event for camaraderie, fun and entertainment. Casey's family was there to support him – Bill, Casey's Mother Melba and Brother Jesse, who was home on break from Colorado Mountain College. Two collage of pictures of the event are posted on the Class web site. One picture show Pat Kepple draping the winners sash on Casey. Thanks to Bill and Bub Parker, Director of Alumni Relations for providing the pictures. Bub was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

1,000 Steps – Do you remember 1,000 Steps where you can climb the mountain between Huntingdon and Mt. Union. Bill Chew often stops by that site and hikes up to the top when visiting his son at Juniata. During his most recent journey up the “steps” he took a couple pictures which are posted on the Class web site. Bill also provided the following web site for 1,000 Steps - http://www.localhikes.com/Hikes/thousand_steps_0000.asp

Are You Interested in Wildlife Conservation? – If any members of the Class of 1964 are interested in wildlife conservation and will be traveling in the northeastern area of North Carolina a classmate of yours would like to invite you to visit, stay at in the 1891 Colonial Home your classmate and spouse are restoring, and visit the near by Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Center.

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Center operates the largest collection of rare and endangered waterfowl in North America and one of the largest in the world. From humble beginnings in 1989, the eight-acre conservation facility in Scotland Neck, North Carolina is home to 161 species of birds - more than half of the world's known species of ducks, geese and swans - along with rare species of parrots, cranes and other birds. The Center's web site is <http://www.sylvan-heights.org/>

If interested in a visit to the Waterfowl Center and to reconnect with a fellow Juniatian contact Dan O'Sullivan at SOSulli177@aol.com or call 717-766-0621 – he will assist you with arranging the visit.

Another Great Homecoming/Parents Weekend - Although the sky was a little overcast, it was a beautiful drive to Juniata for Homecoming/Parents Weekend last weekend. The trees are just starting to show their brilliant Fall colors. And the best part of the weekend was **WE WON!!!** The Juniata Football team ended a long losing streak by defeating rival Susquehanna University 34 - 9. I was so proud of their efforts I wanted to get up and sing - "Stand up and cheer, Stand up and cheer for Juniata, Our boys . . ." - well you fellow old-timers remember the song we would sing when the **INDIANS** scored. Unfortunately that tradition no longer exists. I understand fellow classmate Rod O'Donnell was a speaker at the Parents gathering on Friday night and that Bill Chew's wife Melba was on campus visiting their son Casey. Rod has a son who is a freshman at JC and Casey is a Sophomore. Unfortunately, on Saturday, I did not run into Rod, my fellow JC basketball manager and co-producer of the Tomahawk and the Indian sports programs, nor did I see Bill's wife.

MOUNTAIN DAY

Received these comments.

A Very Special Day to Celebrate – When I forwarded the Mountain Day announcement I received this note from classmate Alice Wingate Trimmer '64 noted it was a very special day for her!!! Another Future Juniatian had recently arrived. She wrote – “It is a beautiful day in Hainesville, IL, NW of Chicago! We are celebrating the birth of our 10th grandchild, 5th girl. Katherine Grace Wondrasek was born on Sunday 9/24 at 12:24 pm. She weighed 8 lbs. and is 22" long. Her parents are Abigail (my younger daughter) and John Wondrasek. I received the call at 5 am, Sunday, left our home at 5:30 and arrived in Hainesville (near Greys Lake) at 10:15. Baby Kate was born at home with a doctor, nurse, Dad and Gramma Alice assisting. (I held Abigail's hand) I am so blessed to have been present at this miraculous event!! Happy Mountain Day to all!!”

A Worthwhile Delay to Observe – Marion Kercher Oliver is delayed her Mountain Day celebration a week to serve the Class and then celebrate in a great location. She indicated - Actually, I just received the 150 letters for our class (Juniata Scholarship Fund Drive) yesterday, so I am up to my eyeballs in

envelopes, letters, stamps, enclosures and lists. Am half way through, though, and will take Mountain Day next week when Dave and I, Tom and Nancy Congersky and Ron and Rita Poruban leave for Hawaii!"

A Day to Prepare – As in our day, even now, not everyone goes on Mountain Day. Bill Chew reports – “Hey, Dan – Happy Mountain Day! I just checked with Casey who had a lot to do this year to get ready for Mr. Juniata Friday night so he didn’t go. but LOVED having the day off! I’m in MD now and may stay until Friday and shoot straight up.”

Editor’s Note: Bill’s son Casey is a sophomore at Juniata and one of the Mr. Juniata contestants – a relatively new tradition at Juniata.

Mountain Day Every Day – What a life as reported by Joan Gartman Kasse – “Great Idea, but Sarasota has no mountains.....so guess heading for the beach is a very good alternative. Actually we have a ‘nature center’ in our back yard, preserve land with a lake and marsh so we have all kinds of water fowl, an alligator sometimes, lots of fish, and deer when they pass through. We sit on the lanai and watch them, with coffee in the morning and sometimes with dinner in the evening. So maybe we have "Mountain Day" every day!"

In the Right Place at the Right Time – Rich Morgan timed it right as he indicated – “We have just begun a month long camping trip and the first leg, believe it or not, landed in the Allegheny National Forest including the jewel of Cook’s State Forest near Kinzua Dam and the Allegheny River headwaters. We took a hike and picnicked, so I guess we were in the mode of Mountain Day for sure. Mountain Day just exemplifies what else Juniata has taught us during those four short years; the appreciation of natural beauty and the mini-cultures of various areas in our country. It can be iron mines, lumber mills, coal mines or agriculture, everywhere has its indigenous stuff to offer. Keep traveling as long as you can! Thanks for the reminder.”

Thanks - Thanks for input for this newsletter - Rich Morgan, Carl Bush '65, Bill Chew, Earl Samuel '65, Terry Grove, Marion Kercher Oliver, Joan Gartman Kasse, Alice Wingate Trimmer, Gary Leathers, 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 us 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 Marion Kercher Oliver, Class Fund Agent for the Juniata Scholarship Fund thank you for your support.