

## Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – November 2007

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**Another College Hang Out Gone!** - As I approached campus going up Mifflin Street on Homecoming/Family Weekend I was shocked to see "The-Hole-in-the-Wall" is just a hole in the ground now! You remember this burger shop next to the laundromat where many of us washed our clothes. They had great greasy hamburgers! The place has been closed for years but at least the building was there for memory sake. Now the building has been leveled – nothing but a vacant lot next to the corner laundromat. And the laundromat recently closed. Rumor is the laundromat building will become a coffee house. Another landmark up the street – Strickler's Ice Cream Shop – has also been closed for years. The building is for sale.

*Editor's Note: A collage of pictures of the site of "The-Hole-in-the-Wall" has been sent to Bill Chew for posting on the Class web site.*

**More Details on the Hole in the Wall Site** - Joel Pheasant, the Juniata staff member that provides us the outstanding support for posting our pictures on the Class of 1964 web site provided additional insight on the future of the property where the Coin-Op Laundry and Hole in the Wall were located. Joel indicated – "Just to give you an update on the 'Hole'... This building (and the building on the corner next to it) were bought by Greg Anderson and his wife. Greg is a classmate of mine (class of 99), so I'm privy to some additional information. They will be opening a coffee shop ('Standing Stone Roasting Company' or something like that) there next fall. The 'Hole' is going to be replaced by an outdoor seating area. The old 'Hole' was in really bad shape. I helped him demo the building and there were several places where there was nothing supporting the walls...If anyone happens to have old pictures of the building, I'm betting that Greg would love to see them and may incorporate them in to the decorating of the new building if people are willing to share."

*Editor's Note: If you have any pictures of the coin-op laundry or the Hole in the Wall please share them with us. You can send them directly to Joel at [pheasaj@juniata.edu](mailto:pheasaj@juniata.edu) or to Dan O'Sullivan at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) If you can not convert the pictures from hard copy to jpeg feel free to send them to Dan at 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 for scanning and return of the hard copy picture. Thanks in advance for helping keep the memory of this 50s-60s hang out alive!*

**Thanks for Providing Email Address** – A special thanks to Sara Wolverton Oehlers And Ron Veit for switching from postal version to email version of the newsletter. As Sara said: "(Providing an email address) is a good idea an obviously will save quite a bit of money on postage, envelopes and time." Any other classmates who receive the mailed version of the newsletter, but have email addresses are requested to send their email address to [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) Thanks!

**Mountain Day** – Marion Kercher Oliver indicated she celebrated a Juniata tradition. "On Mountain Day this year, I played nine holes of Pitch and Putt in Scotch Plains, NJ, with my friend, Anne Russo. We are novices at golf, but have a great time being out in the beautiful weather. It was fun explaining to the young man who was on the hole ahead of us why I wanted him to take the picture. Mountain Day has gained another advocate!"

*Editor's Note: Marion also sent along a picture of herself and her golf partner that has been sent to Bill Chew for posting on the Class web site.*

**Summer Outing** – Marion Kercher Oliver enjoyed the end of summer at Long Beach Island. The visited "Old Barney (the Barnegat Lighthouse). During their vacation they were joined by Tom '63 and Nancy Esch Congersky, and Ron '63 and Rita Poruban for five days in Haven Beach. The weather was wonderful. Dave, Tom and Ron are making plans for their 45th reunion next June.

*Editor's Note: Remember the Steering (Reunion) Committee is encouraging everyone to invite their friends from the Class of 1963 and 1965 to join us as we celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2009.*

**Chief Flat Feather** – Rumor has it the Chief spent much of August in Florida but no picture proof yet! Then he headed west with Jan Wengerd Maran and Gene Baten to do some gambling in Las Vegas. Jan reports - "The Chief had a great time in Vegas and didn't lose any money either! His companions, Gene and Jan, also had a great time enjoying our digs in the luxurious Wynn Hotel where the picture of the three of us was taken. We also ate some fantastic celebrity chef meals (multiple courses paired with wine) and went dancing to several of the hot, high-energy clubs. We enjoyed participating in the scene even though the average age was about 25!"

*Editor's Note: Jan promised to send the referenced picture for posting on the web sit and hopefully we will get documentation of the Chief's time in Florida. I wonder where the Chief is now?.*

**International Shrimp Festival** - Sheila and I (Dan O'Sullivan) recently took another Elderhostel trip. This one was to the International Shrimp Festival in Orange Beach, AL. On the way we took a side trip to the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. We hiked the Dark Hollow Falls trail in Shenandoah Park. It was a 1.4 mile walk to the plunging waterfalls – a 70 foot drop down a series of rocky steps. We also stopped at a couple antique malls on the way down so Sheila could browse.

Our Orange Beach hotel was smack dab on the beach with an ocean view from the little balcony. The program mostly concentrated on shrimp - cooking lesson presented by Chef Rob, a short trip to a seafood processing plant and of course a visit to the International ShrimpFest with lots of food, fine arts, as well as arts and crafts booths.

A neat diversion from the shrimp theme was a presentation by Tom McKinstry – a retired Army Lt. Col. – and his wife. He told us what increasingly, as the tale unfolded, appeared to be a very, very tall fish tale. He claimed it to be a phenomenon unique to the Mobile Bay called “Jubilee.” The story started decades ago when he was a young boy of 8 and visiting his Uncle Morris who lived beside the bay in a little town called Fairhope. Fairhope is one of the places on the bay where “jubilee” happens. At one point, he introduced his wife who told her own elaborate, convoluted tale of her first “jubilee” experience. Well ‘jubilee’ is real, does happen in the Mobile Bay, and rarely happens anywhere else. I won't spoil the surprise. You can probably unmask the mystery by goggling for Jubilee in Mobile Bay.

Another presentation was by a great comedian – Jack Cline - that kept us in stitches with his humor. He has written jokes since he was 14 – he is now probably our age. He wrote jokes for all the famous comedians.

On the way back we again stopped at another antique mall – this time Sheila spent a few bucks but she got a very unique oversized what-not-shelf. We also stop briefly at the Natural Bridge in Virginia. All in all a great trip!

*Editor's Note: I have sent Bill Chew a couple collages of pictures from the trip for posting on the Class web site.*

**Deceased Classmate** – The husband of classmate Patricia Harvey Morris recently called Dan O'Sullivan and informed him that Patricia had passed away.

Thanks to the support from Sally Oberle, Juniata staff the following obituary information is provided –

MORRIS, PATRICIA H. On March 2, 2007, PATRICIA H. (nee Harvey); beloved wife of Thomas D. Morris; sister in-law of Jane Penny; daughter of the late Wilbur Edward and Elizabeth Glaser Harvey; step-daughter of the late Robert Rush Dwelly. The family request memorials in her name to Copper Ridge, 710 Obrecht Road, Sykesville, MD 21784, Attn: Administration, Marcie Koenig or to Long Island Labrador Retriever Rescue, PO Box 3011, Shelter Island Heights, New York, 11965.

**President's Report** – I hope you all read the President's Report you recently received. It was much more than just a summary of financial support. One article featured the accomplishments of our Classmate Rodney Jones and the article on the effort to recruit student from outside our “traditional” recruitment area was outstanding.

**Juniata Tidbits** – As an Emeriti Alumni Council Member the Alumni Office mails me a copy of each edition of the *Juniatian*. The latest product was OUTSTANDING. Here are a few tidbits from that publication.

Juniata Security – Although there is no security problem on campus – it is still the safe friendly environment we all enjoyed – the College is being pro-active and installing 24-hour security systems on all dorms. You will have to have a swipe card to enter the dorms. First to be installed are the controls on the Tussey-Terrace Complex. Leshner Hall already was a secure building after 10pm and remains an all women's dorm – the only one on campus.

Founders Hall Renovation – Founders Hall renovation will begin next February and completion should occur by the time of our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2009. To quote the article – “The final result will be a fully functional four story building. The new main entrance will face the campus quad, like the Von Liebig Center for Science. New classrooms and offices will be constructed, while still retaining element of the building's original design, including the bell tower . . . . The current porch, facing Moore Street, will be kept, although it will not be the main entrance . . . . For Founders, it's not completely out with the old and in with the new. Instead the building will be a combination of 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century architecture that will bring Founders Hall back into the center of campus.”

Storming the Arch – In an article about Storming the Arch, Daniel Kraft '76 challenges the legend that there has never been a successful storming of the Arch. He claimed to be part of a group that succeeded during the fall 1972 version of this traditional event. The article did point out that “From 1940s to 1972, Storming the Arch was not an organized event. It was not a supervised one either. The day of storming was chosen randomly. Not one female student defended or stormed. There were essentially no rules. Stormers were not on the grassy lawn that cushions the unsuccessful who are thrown to the ground today. Then students stormed the arch from the opposite side, fighting up the Cloister steps and landing on concrete.” As implied, this “tradition” still survives but is a planned event with rules, supervision and apparently done from the 18<sup>th</sup> street (now quad) area on the grassy lawn. But at least the tradition still exists in some form – although a safer form which is probably a good thing. Injuries still do happen this year the major causality was a young man that got a concussion.

JC Yearbook Out of Print – That is right folks, due to low demand and high cost this will be the first year that a printed yearbook is not available. A couple options are being pursued –

A DVD Yearbook with a collection of candid photos from various students, department, clubs, teams and offices on campus set to music and voiceovers.

The Juniata Wiki – Juniata students would control the content of each year’s historical preservation via a web site much like a Wikipedia page. (Yea, Yea, I know they are throwing around terms we old folks do not even understand!) Administrators likened this option to a “Facebook exclusively for Juniata.”

JC Gold Card – Student on campus have what is referred to as a Gold Card ID – they use it for identification and I guess for some campus purchases. The future may hold using it as the swipe card to enter your dorm, use the on campus laundry machines, maybe even as credit cards for purchases at participating businesses in Huntingdon. (Money – what is that! – may be the question of the future!)

Turnover of Professors in the Art Department – Based on an editorial it seems that Art Department professors are not staying on campus – two in the last year departed after only one year. The administration is trying to address this situation.

Life on the Lake – There are now two courses where students stay for a full semester at the Raystown Field Station – seldom, if ever, taking the time to travel the half-hour required to return to campus. The “Sense of Place” course does have an environmental science emphasis. On the other hand the Spring semester course – “Humanities in the Woods” has a English and history emphasis.

Presidential Perspective - In the Presidential Perspective article Tom Kepple points out Juniata moved up for 882<sup>nd</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> in the “Washington Monthly” ranking of national liberal arts colleges (college with great student outcomes); was included in next summer’s new edition of the “Fiske Guide;” was named in the “College Access and Opportunity Guidebook,} which lists 300 colleges and universities that have demonstrated “excellence in access, diversity and success” for first generation and minority college students; and “Cosmo-Girl Magazine” named Juniata in it “Top 100 Colleges and Universities,” based on the success of our female students. President Kepple said: “What appeals to me is not so much being listed as being listed in very diverse rankings.”

Classmate’s Son Studying Abroad In an article about the Tennis Team I learned that Casey Chew, son of classmate Bill Chew, is studying abroad this year. It is his junior year at Juniata. I wonder if Bill is going to go visit him at his overseas location?

At Mimi’s Oh yea, and did you know Mimi’s serves Breaded Stuffed Olives, Sesame Encrusted Ahi Tuna, Wild Mushroom Pita Sandwiches and Mangopolitan Martinis. If you have never eaten at Mimi’s it should be a must the next time you are in Huntingdon. Mimi’s is on Penn Avenue just west of Fourth Street.

Yes, I got all that from one excellent edition of the *Juniatian*. I sent a note to the staff congratulating them on the OUTSTANDING edition – if every issue this year is as good as the first, they will have a memorable year as editors and staff – giving Judy Fairweather and Judy Carlton a run for the money when compared to their equally outstanding products from our era.

I do not know if they will mail copies out, possible for a fee, but if you want to check on it the address is 667 Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA 16652, Phone: 814-641-3379 and email [juniatian@juniata.edu](mailto:juniatian@juniata.edu)

**Annual Class Letter** – You should have received an email/letter from Gwen Woodworth Lang and Rolfe Wenner asking for input to be used to develop the next Class of 1964 Annual Letter. If you have not responded to them yet please do so soon. **They would like your response by November 15, 2007.**

The questions were:

1. **What was your major?** \_\_\_\_\_.

In your opinion, was your major field related to your professional life? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you would like to comment on this question, please feel free to do so.)

2. **Overall, each one of us has developed a professional and personal life. How do you believe that both these areas were influenced by your educational and personal experiences from attending or graduating from Juniata?** (We hope it was positive but if you wish to respond with a different perspective, that is appropriate as well and if requested, we will not use your name.)

Send responses to –

Gwen Woodworth Lang by email at [gwenlang@verison.net](mailto:gwenlang@verison.net) or by postal mail to 42 Fuller Shores Road, Lakeville, MA 02347-2401 OR Rolfe Wenner by email at [rwennermv@aol.com](mailto:rwennermv@aol.com) or by postal mail to: 136-35 Mercier Way, Edgartown, MA 02359

**Birthday Celebration** – Yep, I (Dan O’Sullivan) am another year older. On October 20, 2007 my wife and I celebrated my 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. We went to Juniata College to attend a performance by Delfeayo Marsalis and his jazz ensemble - it is part of the Juniata Presents schedule. Also attending the show was Classmate Elaine Ake Frazier. We had a great dinner at Mimi's - fine dining in a town where you would never expect to find it! After the show we returned to Mimi's for far to many “Rum Runners.” Drinking at the bar at Mimi’s reminds me of Cheers – everyone talks to everyone, young and old, locals and visitors; it is one big happy gathering. After the stroke of midnight signaled the end of my special day we retired to the Comfort Inn for the night.

Next time you are in Huntingdon I highly recommend Mimi’s for dinner or drinks. If going for dinner you might want to make a reservation by calling 814-641-7200. An the Juniata Presents series is great – remaining programs this season include:

Morgan State Universality Choir – Saturday, November 3

Striking 12 – Saturday, December 1

Bill Evans Soulgrass All Stars – Thursday, January 24

Saffire Australian Guitar Quartet – Friday, February 8

Made in Tawian – Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14

The Paul Taylor Dance Company – Thursday, April 3

For more details and to order tickets go to <http://www.juniata.edu/services/activities/juniatapresents/>

If you plan to go to a performance let me know and we can get together for dinner or a drink – I am a season ticket holder.

**Sill Business Incubator to Expand** – Thanks in part to a federal grant, the Sill Business Incubator, part of the Juniata Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (JCEL), will expand throughout the first floor of the old Huntingdon school building at 14<sup>th</sup> and Moore Street. The renovation will provide more space for start up businesses to begin in the “incubator” environment before moving to larger facilities. The renovation project will feature two specially equipped wet labs that can be used for entrepreneurs pursuing business ideas in biotechnology.

**A New Approach for Admissions** – Juniata recently established the policy outlined in the following article.

In a bid to bump enrollment numbers and compete with local public universities, Juniata College, a private, liberal-arts institution in Huntingdon, Pa., is attempting a new strategy: Buy four years, get the fifth free. Starting with the freshman class of 2008, Juniata will guarantee students a bachelor's degree in four years, or the fifth year of tuition is free. The free year won't include room and board, and students will have to keep their grades up and must average 30 credit hours per semester.

John S. Hille, Juniata's executive vice president for advancement and marketing, said the problem the college faced was not in four-year graduation rates, as about 92 percent of its students graduate within that time period. Rather, university administrators wanted to get the message across to families of prospective students that a private college can be just as affordable, if not more affordable, than a public education.

Juniata administrators reasoned that most students at large public institutions take more than five years to graduate, according to figures from the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania. The association says nearly 30 percent of students who enrolled as freshmen at state-system universities in 2000 graduated within four years, compared to more than 60 percent of students at private and independent universities.

**Reach Out and Touch Someone!** – In a recent Juniata NewsGroup release Jodie Monger Gray suggested – “It seems a bit early to focus on sending Christmas cards or Holiday cards but I’d like for you to think about adding a long-lost classmate to your list. We need to reach out and get reconnected, re-energized and re-engaged with some Juniata spirit.” If you want to do this and need the contact information for a fellow classmate let me know by email to [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) or phone at 717-766-0621,

**Classmate has New Email Address** - Bob '64 and Barb Antis '65 Walker have a new email address – any classmates wanting to contact them please let Dan O’Sullivan know and he will provide the new email address. It was good to hear from Bob. He indicated had a stroke last April but is recovering with therapy and a lot of support from Barb. He is planning to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2009.

**Rugby Played in Prom Dresses! - Keeping the violence on the field!** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila and Dan O’Sullivan again visited Juniata for a Juniata Presents performance by the Morgan State University Choir – it was a rocking affair. Dan also stumbled upon the Annual Rugby in Prom Dresses event.

Sports opportunities for women are much greater today than in the 60s. A check of the 1960 yearbook has only one page reference women’s sports – it has a picture of the Girls’ intervarsity Basketball Team coached by students Mike Pearson and Clay Pheasant. Team members included Classmate Gail Woodworth. There are also a couple pictures of women in field hockey gear and the comment “Many girls participated in IM sports such as field hockey.” THAT WAS IT!

Now in addition to many IM and club sports for women, Juniata participates in Women’s Intercollegiate Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball. The Field Hockey and Volleyball team won the Landmark Conference Championship as the conference completed its first fall season.

One of the club sports is Women’s Rugby. Throughout the year they play in a club league with other colleges. Every fall, at the end of the season, the team holds a small fundraiser tournament held to benefit the Huntingdon House. (I think it is a safe haven for battered and threatened women. Thus, the motto - “Keeping the violence on the field!”) Money is collected from local businesses, families and friends of the team and all of the money, minus cost of the t-shirts, is donated to the Huntingdon House. Teams that play wear old-school formal dresses from years past and fight it out on the field like true ladies. This year Juniata, Washington and Jefferson and Grove City women competed in the FUN event. It is an interesting event to observe and the trophies are very unique – take a look at the pictures posted on the class web site.

**Juniata Women’s Teams in NCAA Regional Playoffs** – The Juniata Women’s Volleyball Team won the NCAA Regional Championship and moves on to the NCAA Semi-Finals in Bloomington, IL next weekend. Attending the championship game between Juniata and Haverford College at Haverford were Dan O’Sullivan, classmate Bill Chew and Bill’s step-grandchild Hanna. A collage of pictures has been sent to Bill for posting on the Class web site.

The Juniata Women’s Field Hockey Team advanced to the Regional Finals being played today, Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Lebanon Valley College. If they will today advance to the NCAA Semi-finals.

**Thanks for Input** – Thanks to the following for input for this newsletter – Sara Wolverton Oehlers, Marion Kercher Oliver, Gwen Woodworth Lang, Rolfe Wenner, Terry Grove, Jan Wengerd Maran

**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 used 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.**