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Annual Meeting Volunteer Recognition

With the moving of the Milton College weekend to the fall, Sept 18, it was necessary to separate the annual meeting and hold it earlier in the year. This year the annual meeting was held on Thursday, February 25 and included recognition of the volunteers who helped in many ways in 2009.

Paul Green, Martha McCall and Rena Martin were re-elected for additional three year terms on the board and a review of the year was given by President Gordon Drake and Administrator Judy Scheehle. A copy of the annual report is available by request.



MCPS volunteers, Frederick Murphy, Gloria Murphy, Bea Niles, Terry Williamson, Marilyn Meister, Mark Grutzmacher, Gene Curler, Bev Koch, Wiley Kessinger, Maxine Harris.

Fred Henry '80 of Georgetown, Texas, sponsored the gifts and refreshments for the volunteers and, in a letter to the volunteers, said, "Volunteering takes a very special person who gives of him or herself; believes in doing the right thing; helps others with a deep love & belief in keeping the Spirit of Milton College alive."

"For YOU are the fortunate ones, lucky enough to be among the visitors, the historical artifacts and the cherished memories that made Milton College such a special place. We are the unfortunate ones. We have only our faded memories and love of Milton College living afar. I wish I could be there with you. Thank you so much for your volunteering in 2009. I hope you can find it in your hearts to continue your personal sacrifice and volunteer in 2010."

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Not all volunteers were able to attend the recognition. Below is a list of those who helped during 2009. The group gave 496 hours to the Society. This does not include all the hours put in by the Board of Directors,

Name-Last	First	Project (s)	Hours
Harris	Maxine	filing obits, publicity, sorting faculty files	120
Williamson	Joe	snow removal	2
Grutzmacher	Mark	thesis reorganization, sales, transcribing	25
Fultz	Michael	articles for newsletter	1
Skaggs	Sam	proofreading, hosting museum, faculty data file	25
Skaggs	Jim	hosting museum	6
Hoffmeister	Todd	proofreading	5
Niles	Chuck	book, windows, former board member	25
Niles	Bea	windows	6
Scheehle	Dennis	stump removal	1
Williamson	Terry	former board member, sales, food for play	45
Sisson	Wendell	spreadsheet FIDES index	30
Regez	Ken	film restoration	10
Clift	Miranda	transcribing	3
Jones	Mary	cleaning, table setup annual meeting	3
Burns	Lynn	proofreading, annual dinner server	4
Westlund	Karl	computer listing of theses, trash removal	15
Green	Frank	trash removal, windows	4
Drake	Don	windows	20
Cruzan	Jon	golf outing, master of ceremonies annual dinner	9
Murphy	Fred & Gloria	organizing library files	15
Terrell	Mike	office help during Dracula play	4
Danielson	Glenn	reunion contacts	10
Kessinger	Wiley	reunion contacts, host museum	14
United Way Youth	8 kids	paint fire escape	64
Brown	Mark	web and computer guru	15
Koch	Bev	museum host	6
Curler	Gene	museum host	6
Meister	Marilyn	museum host	3
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Board Members			
Drake	Gordon	windows, maintenance, cleanup	President
Green	Paul	windows, grounds, proofreading, clean-up meeting	Vice President
Watson	Phil	windows, maintenance, clean-up annual meeting	
Sarnow	John	windows, annual dinner prep	
McCall	Martha	windows, mailings, prep, serve, clean-up at annual meeting, office help	
Martin	Rena	board minutes	Secretary
Adams	Blaine	financials	Treasurer
Drew	Skip	windows, paint fire escape	
Bliese	Brian	golf outing	
Sveum	Tom	windows, clean-up annual meeting	

Main Hall Used for Cow Stable

Agricultural Interests Meet Faculty Disproval

Excerpt from Milton College Review Nov 8, 1928

It took a long time to get organized, but when once banded together things happened and almost in the space of minutes a light wagon loaded with corn stalks was backed up to the front stairs of Goodrich hall. The campus was a scene of activity with men running hither and yon, shouting orders and playing flashlights on the windows of the dormitory in order to keep the inmates from throwing water on the laboring men below. There were not enough flashlights, however, to keep all the windows covered so many a fellow received a drenching.

A gravel wagon was dismantled and used to block the front entrance of Main hall. A Ford of ancient lineage was hauled and pushed into the gym and with an utter disregard or disrespect for its old age was rudely turned over and left to await the dawn. A side delivery rake was situated in front of Whitford Memorial hall.

The men disbanded and went to bed entirely unaware of any happenings, other than those heretofore mentioned. Came the dawn and the janitor and several teachers arrived on campus and viewed with disfavor the evidence of human activity. There was nothing they could do, however, so they proceeded to unlock the buildings. Upon going to the chapel, gasps of consternation and dismay arose from the throats of the janitor and teachers. A calf had been turned loose in the chapel. When a more thorough investigation was conducted, it was found that Main hall had indeed been used as a cow barn. The Davis room had been used as a box stall for a cow.

Farm hands were quickly appointed to restore the building to its natural condition and all the names of the male teachers of the institution appeared on the roster as stable hands. J. Fred, Prof. Bill and Prof. Keck were seen getting the calf down the chapel steps.

With much hard work, the Chapel was put in order in time for the daily services and classes were able to meet in the Davis room the next day. Everything taken into consideration an enjoyable time was had by all.

Paul Green '55 found more information on the 1928 incident:

There are only a few people who still remember the incident, though many remember it being talked about. It is said the cow made a real mess and they had a hard time getting her down out of the building.

Peg Sayre '34 said, oh yes, she knew about the event though she did come here to college until a year or two after it happened. When asked who was involved she said "I'm not telling." After all these years she's still protecting people who are probably long gone from this world!

I learned from Marjorie Crandall '43 that it was her family's cow. The Crandalls lived on Plumb Street, about three blocks from the college campus. She said that after their cow was stolen, the next few Halloweens, her father, Coach George Crandall, spent the night in the barn.

Ethlyn Shadel '32 told me that the perpetrators (all deceased) included her husband Stuart Shadel '29, Franklin Walsh '29 and Bob Wixom '30. I'm guessing that Shadel, Walsh and Wixom were the ringleaders but they must have recruited several others to help get the cow up that steep curving stairway.

One last detail: There was a consensus that young Coach Norris Rowbotham was in on the prank. It seemed unlikely that a faculty member would be involved, but Lucille Sunby w38 says he was "thick" with the boys (his athletes) and she is pretty sure he helped.

It was over half a century later that I first saw the article from the 1928 Milton College Review. Until then, as far as I knew the cow-in-chapel was just a rumor, a tall tale.

It sure is a good thing to get the real facts about such important history.

Alumni Notes

In Memoriam

Condolences go out to the friends and families of these valued alumni and friends

Dr. Neil "Skip" Ramsey, sociology and psychology professor at Milton 1969 to 1974, retired as chair of the sociology department at Virginia Wesleyan College in 2005 after 32 years. Skip is now living in Haines, AK, near his son, Scott and family.

Vince Cubik, assistant MC football coach in 1939, is being inducted into the High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in March. Vince was a student at UW-Madison in 1939 and drove to and from Milton everyday for practice. The team won the conference championship. The 1939 Review credits the win to Cibik as there were seven men on the team that had never played football. Cibik's high school coaching career was at Cedarburg.

An inductee into the High School Baseball Coaches Hall of fame is Darwin "Dip" Dade '58. Dip coached the Tomah High School baseball team for 34 years. Dip is also a member of the Milton College Athletic Hall of Fame.

A brief note from Fern Markgraf '68 says "I am a principal at Kahului Elementary School on Maui, HI, with 986 students. My best to all - May the year of the Tiger bring you good fortune."

The Kurlands, George '64, Robert w65 and Carol Fugate Kurland '65, visited Main Hall. George is a professional photographer in Branson, MO, and does Bookmark Ministry. Robert and Carol have recently moved back to the Janesville area.

Terry Coppens '73 has retired from 30 years of teaching middle and high school in Naples FL. He is active in the peace movement and a member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He continues to restore antique cars.

Dick Severing '66 has been inducted into the Rock County United Arts Alliance Hall of Fame. He has been a long time contributor to the local music scene, including directing the Choral Union.

Walter Schroeder '59 and his wife Betty Baldwin Schroeder w62 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19th. He is retired from the Janesville School District and she is retired from Beloit Memorial Hospital.

Peter Van Horn w61 was in Haiti when the earthquake hit working on a technical school that volunteers had built through the Rotary Club. Newspaper reports say he was not hurt. Peter currently is a Delafield (WI) Town Supervisor.

Skip Drew '72 recently participated in the free-style Koenig Ludwig Lauf race in Germany. This is the second time Skip and his team have participated in the Worldloppet cross-country ski races in Europe.

Inquiries have come in asking for information on Peter Mayer '67, Marion Ellicott '74 and Steve Jones '73. If you have current information contact Main Hall.

Mary McLaurin Diffatte	'47
Maureen Bruni Drake	'57 member
Wilbert Stewart	'40
L. Michael Fultz	member
Richard W. Knudson	'58 member
Jerome A. Shinkay	w65
David Utzig	w50 member
John Keith Draeger	w50 member
Mary Bond Skaggs	Women Phy. Ed. Instructor 1956-73 Dean of Women 1962-1973
Virginia Albrecht FitzRandolph	w45
Philip Clawson	'54
Leland Snyder	w65
Dr. John "Doc" Holmes	w34 member
Edward Khamis	'75

Memorial gifts have been received for the following:

Mary Diffatte, Virginia FitzRandolph, Dr. John "Doc" Holmes, John Draeger, David Utzig, and Wilbert Stewart. Memorial Gifts from many people for Mary Skaggs equaled \$600.



Mary Skaggs served as Women's Physical Education teacher, as well as Dean of Women.

Schedule your Mini-Reunion at Main Hall.

In the last year, in addition to the June reunion, two other groups have made arrangements for mini-reunions at Main Hall. The fun part of a mini-reunion is the amount of attention that is given to the group. Unlike the large reunion, Judy has time to pull items from the archives that are of interest, and the time is much more leisurely as you stroll through Main Hall and remember all the good times you had as a student.

A reunion of the early 1950's students was organized by Betty Burns Purdy '52 but because of health issues she was unable to attend. The attendees included Pat Gallagher '52, Norm '53 and Bill Buending '54, Richard Reynolds '51, Jessie Walters Morten w52, Dick '51 and Jo Manske Romoser '52. They enjoyed the pictures and programs from the plays in which they had performed.

In early December, Lynn Burns '81 organized a visit to Main Hall. She provided Judy with the names and dates of the attendees and Judy pulled items from the archives. Laughter filled the hall as they reminisced about their Milton College days. They also attempted to redeem a coupon from the 1979 Wildcat at the Cove. Sorry it didn't work.

If you want to do something similar, contact Judy. She is willing to arrange her schedule to accommodate you. The Century room and lunch room can be rented if you want to provide a meal or snack for the group.



Robin Van Rens Marnocha '81, Colleen Maloney '80 and Sandy Lang Insefjord '80 enjoy the 1979 edition of the Wildcat.



Lynn Burns



Lynn Burns '81 and Suzette Peterson w81



Colleen Bulfin Maloney '80

The mini-reunion of alumni of the 1950's

Dick & Jo Romoser, Pat Gallagher, Norm Buending, Jessie Walters Morton, Richard Reynolds, Bill Buending



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Mission Statement

The purpose of the organization shall be preservation of Milton College historic memorabilia and records, establishment and preservation of Main Hall as a museum of Milton College history, and maintaining alumni relationships.

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Milton College Preservation Society WISH LIST

Garbage bags, mailing tape, acid free archive boxes, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, carpet runners, stamps, and video projector

Wish list donors include: Barbara Garwig Pautz `48 - postage stamps, Fred Henry `80 - volunteer recognition gifts & refreshments, Steve Gaeth -phone calling cards and stamps.

Marcia Raukuce Johnson `51 sent her 2009 membership after the newsletter was printed with the membership list. Marcia would have been listed in the Century category and urges others to contribute yearly. She also indicated she is going to remember Milton College Preservation Society, after she is gone, in memory of Bernie Westlund. She wants others to consider this and keep the "Spirit Alive."

MCPS is looking for someone from the classes of 1960, 1970 and 1980 to organize reunions for Homecoming on September 18. Please contact Main Hall if you are interested.

Frederick and Gloria Murphy are currently working on the 1950 class reunion.



Wildcat Golf Outing – June 25, 2010

Oak Ridge Golf Course

Details in future mailing