

# Milton College Preservation Society

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## Do You Know an Eminent Miltonian?

The Board of Directors of MCPS is looking for nominations for the Eminent Miltonian award.

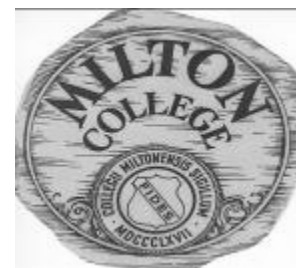
The Eminent Miltonian award is given to a Milton College graduate or faculty member who through outstanding achievement in field of endeavor and service of the highest order has reflected honor upon Milton College.

Although Milton was a small college, its graduates are not. With over 5,000 alumni still living, many have made large marks on their profession and community. Please send your nominations with background and accomplishments along with the person's current address. These can be mailed to MCPS PO Box 84, Milton, Wisconsin 53563 or e-mailed to [mainhall@miltoncollege.org](mailto:mainhall@miltoncollege.org).

**Eminent Miltonians Awards have been presented to:**

**Robert Daland**  
**Wayland Hull**  
**Roland Meyer**  
**Daniel Parker**  
**Charlotte Babcock**  
**Allison Burdick**  
**Robert Hevey**  
**Albert Whitford**  
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**John Gallagher**  
**Paul Loofboro**  
**Chester Newman**

**Franklin Walsh**  
**Alan Jacobson**  
**James Rickabaugh**  
**George Gray**  
**Willard Roberts**  
**Robert Castater**  
**A. Prentice Kenyon**  
**Angela Chang**  
**Edward Chang**  
**Bernhardt Westlund**  
**Joseph Black**  
**Lee Jacobi**  
**Don Sanford**  
**Chris Flasch**  
**Skip Bliss**  
**Steven Thorngate**  
**Scott Mitchen**



## Alumni Notes

**James Rickabaugh '73** has been named 2008 Superintendent of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators. James is the top administrator of the Whitefish Bay School District. Rickabaugh's reach goes far beyond the Whitefish Bay School District. He is the former president of the Mid-America Association of School Superintendents and former chairman of the Suburban Schools Legislative Committee. He has given presentations and has written for professional journals. He also mentors new and aspiring superintendents through the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a program through the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators.

Rickabaugh said, "I think about the people who taught me the things that are important and I've passed them along and I hope they will pass them along."

**Skip Drew '73** and **Scott Shadel '73** put their mountain climbing skills to the test by climbing China's Mustagh Ata Peak. Drew reached the 24,757 foot summit, however Shadel became ill at 18,800 feet and descended to base camp.

The Tibetan guides stressed safety at all times after two Koreans on a different route were reported missing. "As much as I hoped to reach the summit," Drew said, "no mountain was worth dying for." Shadel and Drew plan on returning to ascend Denali (Alaska) where a big storm denied them the summit two years ago.



Barry Tillima, son of **Arnie Tillima '64** placed 11th in the 9 hole golf competition in the Special Olympic Games.

Five members of Arnie's family were in Shanghai, China for the event. Barry is a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Illinois and has given six speeches since returning from China.

**Ural Jackson '75** comments that the Milton College website "brings back some memories that made my life what it is now. GREAT life long experience."

**Katy Lindas '75** is now living in Denver ,CO after years of doing environmental studies in such places as Ecuador, Hawaii and Iceland.

## In Memoriam :

Dave Beattie	'65
Barbara Wieland Drake	'51
Gloria Wood Slagg	w59
Stephen S. Noland Sr	'79
William George Ziegler	w52
Ilou Miars Sanford	'51
David Hart	'53
Kenneth Weeden	'62
Robert "Bob" Martinsen	Staff 1961-77
Claribel Dickinson	Member/great,great, great granddaughter of founder Joseph Goodrich
Edwin R. Layman	'70 and Business Office Manager 1969-1972

### Hey, Turn Around!

**Scott Porter '73** and **Nancy (Sam) Nelson '74**

examine items in the 60,70,80's exhibit at Main Hall during an October visit.

Porter flew from California for a surprise birthday party for **Todd Hoffmeister '70**.

Several Milton College alumni were also in attendance.



*MCPS archive photo*

*Condolences go out to the friends and family of these valued alumni and friends*

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Memorial donations have been received in memory of David Hart, Ilou Sanford, Wilfred Fay and Claribel Dickinson

## Endowment Fund Through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin

Everyone is well aware that Milton College alumni will not be here forever. In an effort to ensure the legacy of Milton College, a permanent endowment fund has been established with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Although an “endowment fund” of sorts was initiated several years ago, the money was invested in CD’s and could at the discretion of the Board of Directors be used for other purposes. Now, however, the principal can not legally be used. Annually the Foundation will distribute income in the form of grants. Grant making will begin following 12 quarters of investment growth. The interest on the principal will grow during those initial years.

The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin was established in 1992 as a tax-exempt public charity. They currently receive and invest tax-deductible gifts and distribute grants for 450 funds supporting an array of charitable interests.

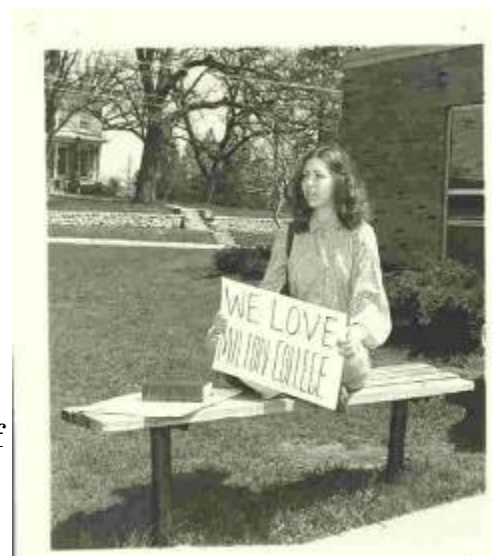
The goal of the MCPS endowment fund would be an annual grant distribution for the operating budget. To fully support the current budget, \$800,000 to 900,000 would be needed. The current balance of the fund—\$20,000. How do we build up the fund? Only with your help! Alumni passionate about Milton College, Main Hall and their memories must play a role in building this fund. Even if you are not passionate, the possibility is very great from the many genealogy inquiries received that someone in the future will want to know about your time at Milton College. MCPS and Main Hall are all that remain of Milton College. Other buildings remain but are privately owned.

“I would be honored to have my name linked with Milton College in any fund raising capacity or for that matter in any way.” Roger Grantham ‘69 response for help with the fund drive.

The question that many are afraid to ask, “What happens if the fund cannot sustain the organization and Main Hall?” In the agreement with the Foundation Schedule B, item #3 states “In the event Milton College Preservation Society, Inc. ceases to exist, grants will be made to the qualified organization designated to accept the responsibility of artifact and historic oversight.” The Board has yet to determine who that may be. We want to be sure the “qualified organization” will preserve and disseminate the Milton College story. With a sizable endowment, perhaps a staff person could be hired by that organization to keep “the sprit alive.”

But the big goal is to have the archives and museum live on forever in Main Hall. Talk to your former classmates- put up a challenge donation - make your class the biggest contributor! You can’t turn back time but you can keep it from being lost. As in a recent comment from an alumnus, “And time marches on.”

Your endowment donation can be made to MCPS- Endowment Fund or directly to the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Further information about the Community Foundation can be found on their website [www.cfsw.org](http://www.cfsw.org) or by contacting Jane Duesterbeck, Donor Service Representative, at 608-758-8551 or [jane.cfsw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.cfsw@sbcglobal.net).



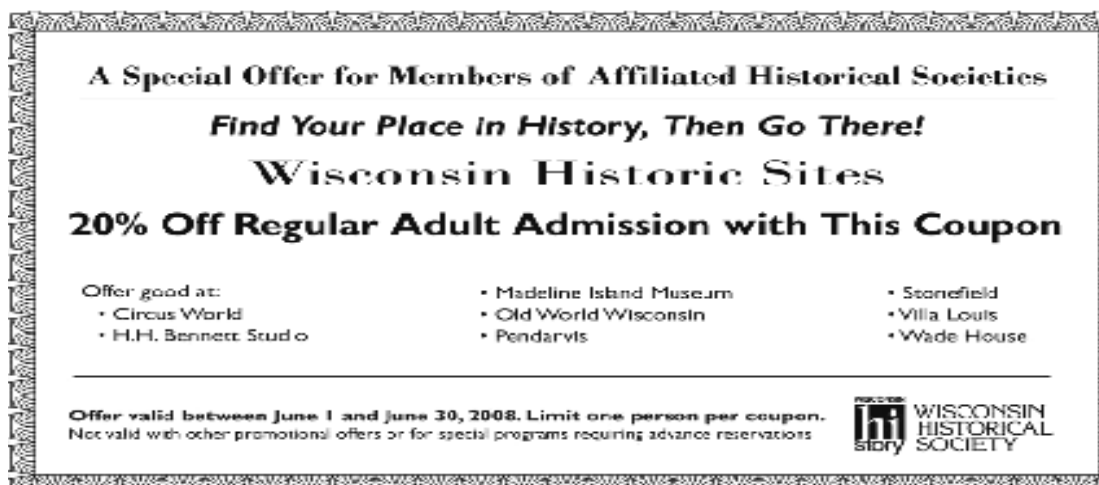
*MCPS archive photo*

## Milton College Preservation Society becomes an affiliate organization with the Wisconsin State Historical Society

In another effort to preserve the legacy and get the word out that the “spirit is still alive”, the Wisconsin State Historical Society has accepted MCPS as an affiliate member. As an affiliate the organization is eligible for mini-grants, workshops and other state resources.

You, as a member of MCPS, also get the benefit of 20% off regular adult admission to the Wisconsin Historic Sites, during the month of June.

*Visit Main Hall and enjoy the other Wisconsin Sites this summer.*



## Help Wanted—Everyone Qualifies.

(volunteers needed)

- **Transcribing documents**
- **Sorting-organizing files**
- **Cleaning-landscape maintenance**
- **Painting-indoor and outdoor**
- **Helping with events**
- **Hosting summer museum hours**
- **Shoveling snow**
- **Board member**



*Mark Gruetzmacher and Maxine Harris shown in the archives. They volunteer once a week, transcribing documents, sorting and organizing files.*

## A little bit of this—a little bit of that

### A Few of the Research Requests

Philomathean Society  
 M. White 1872  
 Luthera Hunnwelle 1864  
 Mamie Gunderson 1914  
 Cow in the Chapel 1928  
 Ethel Rich  
 Rock Fest 1971  
 Academy Civil War Men  
 Nursing Program  
 Football 1966  
 Sports Articles 1973-74  
 Track 1965  
 Prof James Philips  
 Eliza King 1861  
 Norma Willis 1926



**Reminder**  
 2008 Annual Weekend  
 June 20, 21, and 22

*Back by popular demand*  
**Todd Hoffmiester's**  
**Jazz Trio**  
 More details in Spring  
 Newsletter



### Art Festival 2007

*Photos by Lee Ann Hare*



**Dennis Boyle on Keyboard**

**Frederick Murphy – Civil War Presentation**

### 2008 Budget

Events	5,000	Utilities/Maintenance	16,400
Interest	2,200	Wages/FICA	21,496
Membership	27,000	Supplies	1,300
Memorials	500	Merchandise	1,500
Rental	1,500	Dues/Exhibits/Tax/Adver/Mis	1,940
Sales	3,000	Insurance	1,400
Miscellaneous	1,125	Print/Postage	2,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,325</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$46,436</b>

Oops!  
 John Knoblauch was omitted from the 2007 membership list (Fall newsletter) in the Charter category. Sorry John.

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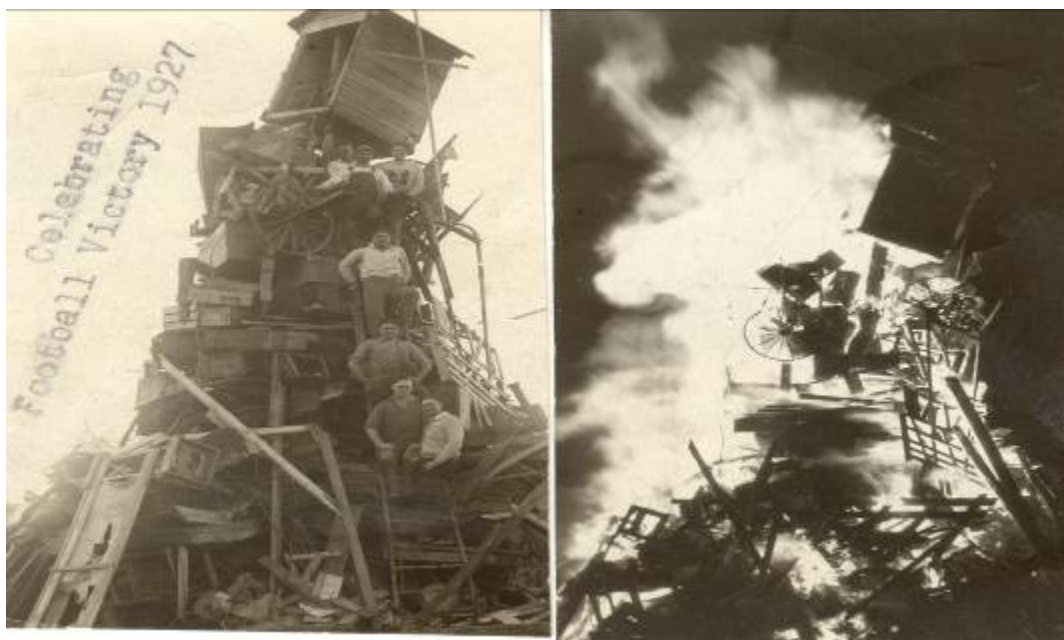
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Annual Weekend  
June 20, 21, 22, 2008  
Details in Spring Newsletter

**Others want to know**— send your accomplishments, experiences and what you have been doing for inclusion in the newsletter. If you see a news article on an alum please forward it. This includes obituaries which are placed in the archives and serve as the official notification. Your help is needed to keep everyone informed.



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If your membership label does not read 08, your dues are not current. MCPS needs and greatly appreciates your support.